

WOOLEN MILL OPERATIVES
GET WAGE INCREASE

BOSTON, March 14.—The American Woollen Co. today announced a 10 per cent increase in wages for its 30,000 employees in New England and New York, effective March 25.

This is the third increase by the company in a year, a graduated advance averaging 7 per cent having been granted on April 30, 1917, and a 10 per cent raise on Oct. 8. The company operates 50 mills, many of which are engaged on government work. The largest of these are located at Lawrence, where more than 15,000 hands are employed.

SEC. BAKER BUSY WITH THE ARMY
IN PARIS AND NAVY

PARIS, March 12.—Newton D. Baker, the American secretary of war, was kept busy today attending conferences. In the forenoon he conferred with Arthur J. Balfour, the British foreign secretary, and Gen. Poch. He lunched with Generals Pershing and Bliss, the British, Henry Baker, and a few other guests.

In the afternoon he conferred with J. R. Kearney of the public information service and visited the headquarters of the American Red Cross as the guest of Maj. Robert P. Perkins, head of the Red Cross mission in Europe. Afterward he called on former Premier Viviani at his home and then saw Foreign Minister Pichot at the foreign office. He also conferred with Oscar T. Crosby, representative of the American treasury department.

BAKER SEES- PERSHING
ON CASUALTY LISTS

WASHINGTON, March 14.—At the request of President Wilson, Secretary Baker while in France will take up with General Pershing personally the subject of the manner in which American casualty lists shall be issued. The president, after studying a protest by George Croel, chairman of the committee on public information against announcing casualties without giving the addresses of dead or wounded men, asked the war department today to have Secretary Baker go into the subject with the American commander.

There has been no intimation as to the president's attitude but even if there is no modification of the order it is believed that clearer reasons for withholding addresses will be made public.

LOOK YOURSELF
OVER CAREFULLY

And see if your condition is not such as to make your best investment the purchase of Hood's Sarsaparilla, Pepsin and Hood's Pills.

This course of medicine will be worth many times the cost when it removes that tired feeling, that paleness and anemic tendency, that warning of vanishing strength, that weakness of body that opens the way for disease, that backache and other symptoms of kidney trouble, constipation, and that grouchy touch of rheumatism.

MEN
WANTED

for day and night work.
Apply U. S. Cartridge
Co., employment dept.,
Lawrence St.

Califoux's
CORNER"The Early
Bird Catches
the Worm"

A lazy man in business snores in the daytime. We are all on deck every morning, save Saturday, at 8:30, ready to serve you. The real secret of a business like this is to be at it, feel the responsibility of it to the customer, promptness, discipline almost military, in obedience and forehandness in finding the things the people want and can rely on. Store closes at noon today.

LAWRENCE, March 14.—Official announcement of a wage increase of 10 per cent at the American Woollen Co. mills was made today, the raise to go into effect March 25.

The Pacific, Arlington, Everett and Kinnhardt mills also announced similar wage increases to go into effect on the same date.

The Pemberton, Lawrence Duck Co., Monumac mills of this city and the Brightwood Manufacturing Co. of No. Andover also announce similar wage increases today.

HUNS FLEE WHEN
YANKS APPEAR

Do Not Remain In the
Trenches But Rush to
Rear Lines

Increased Fighting on Western Front—Successes for British On Two Fronts

Favorable weather on most of the western front has led to increased fighting, but none of the armies has yet made an attack in great strength. All apparently are keyed up to the highest pitch and the raids into opposing trenches are becoming stronger each day.

Americans Continue Activity

In the Champagne where the German artillery has been very active, the French have withstood a German attack with severe losses to the attackers. American raiding parties and American gunners both are busy on the sectors northwest of Toul and east of Lunelville. The Germans do not retreat.

RAILROADS ORDERED TO
MAKE INVENTORY

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Railroads were ordered today by Director General McAdoo to make an inventory of materials and supplies on hand Dec. 31, 1917, when private control ceased for use in connection with government administration of purchases, additions and betterments and railroad financing.

The inventories must begin by May 1, according to the order, and are to be adjusted to show conditions on Dec. 31. If inventories have been taken since that date or within 50 days before then, they must be used as the basis for the report.

WILL INCREASE MEAT
EXPORTS TO ALLIES

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Meat exports to the allies will be increased 50 per cent, and perhaps doubled shortly, under arrangements being negotiated by the food administration with the allied food representatives here.

The purpose is to build up the allied meat reserves from the great surplus which has been accumulated in this country and which recently brought a relaxation of restrictions on meat consumption. The allies would furnish all the ships for moving the meat.

The increased exports are dependent on the shipping procurable but it is understood Great Britain expects to find the vessels. News from London of the imminent requisitioning of Dutch shipping encouraged the belief of officials today that arrangements for the increased export might be regarded as certain.

AMERICAN GIRL KILLED
IN PARIS AIR RAID

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, L. I., March 14.—Among the victims of the latest air raid in Paris was Miss Winona C. Martin of this village, a Y.M.C.A. canteen worker, according to a report received here today. She was 28 years old and was formerly librarian of the Carnegie library here. She left for France a few weeks ago.

TRY HARVEY'S NEW
RESTAURANT
DAVIS SQUARE
Regular Dinner 40 Cents
OPEN FRIDAY NOON

Plot to Blow Up Hog Island
Allies to Seize Dutch Ships
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HOSPITAL SHIP
ATTACKED

LONDON, March 14.—The hospital ship Guilford Castle was attacked successfully by a submarine in the Bristol channel on March 10, it was announced officially today.

Ten torpedoes were fired at the Guilford Castle, the first missing and the second hitting the vessel's bow. Although badly damaged, she was able to reach port. There were many sick and wounded on board who were transferred to a hospital.

This is the second submarine attack on British hospital ships recently. A fortnight ago the Glenart Castle was sunk in the Bristol channel, about 150 lives being lost.

The Guilford Castle is a steamship of 5825 tons gross.

INSPECT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Deputy State Inspector Carey of the state police of Boston, Inspector McDonald of this city, Mayor Thompson, Commissioner Warrack and Foreman Burnham of the public property department went on a tour of inspection of the public schools this morning and in the course of the forenoon several schools were looked over.

The inspection was arranged for the purpose of cutting down, if possible, the amount of work ordered to be done this year by the local inspector for the elimination of fire hazard in the school buildings. When the inspection tour was over Mr. Carey informed the city officials that he would take the matter under advisement and would report later.

LIQUOR LICENSES

With the time for filing applications for liquor licenses expiring Saturday at noon, the office of the license commission was a very busy place today and the chances are that tomorrow will be much busier and as usual the 11th hour applicants will not in an appearance between 10 and 12 o'clock Saturday morning. Up to the present 57 applications have been filed and of this number 32 are for first class common victuallers' licenses, 11 for dealers of the fourth class, seven hotels, three special club licenses and the brewery.

Last year 139 applications were filed and 105 licenses granted. It is doubtful if there will be more than one or two new applicants this year.

Dancing
TOMORROW NIGHT
Associate Hall
Tickets.....25 Cents
Miner-Doyle's Orchestra

TO REORGANIZE
RUSSIAN ARMY

Trotsky Will Oppose Ratification of Germany's
Peace Terms

Considers War Unavoidable and Advocates "Iron Discipline" In Army

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Further indications that Leon Trotsky, the former Russian foreign minister, will oppose ratification of the soviet congress of Germany's peace terms and that he will advocate reorganization and use of the army in defending Russia, are contained in a despatch to the state department today from Ambassador Francis at Volodga.

The ambassador reported a conversation that Trotsky had with someone as late as March 11, in which he said he considered war unavoidable and advocated an "iron discipline" for the army. The ambassador added that this might or might not be significant. The former foreign minister expressed great interest in the report that Siberia was about to be invaded by Japan, either in conjunction with the armies of other powers or alone, and appeared somewhat sensitive regarding it.

PRAISE FOR U.S.
GUARDSMEN

Rainbow Division Made Up
of National Guardsmen
Repulsed Germans

Commander Personally Congratulated by Gen. Gerard
of French Army

WASHINGTON, March 14.—American troops that repulsed the German raid of March 5 were from the Forty-second, or Rainbow division, which is made up of national guardsmen, Gen. Pershing reported today.

The commander of the American division was personally congratulated by Gen. Gerard, commander of the Eighth French army for the manner in which the Americans conducted themselves.

Gen. Pershing's message as given out by the war department follows: Summary of activities on Forty-second, (Rainbow) division front night of fourth and fifth of March. Enemy attempted trench raid early morning, March 4. Raid was repulsed with loss to the enemy. Our losses reported light, no missing or prisoners. General Gerard, commanding eighth French army congratulated division commander on way in which the troops repulsed raid.

CARDINAL VAN ROSSUM PREFECT
OF CONGREGATION OF THE
PROPAGANDA

ROME, March 12.—Pope Benedict has appointed Cardinal Van Rossum, who was the first Dutch member of the sacred college, prefect of the congregation of the propaganda.

THE MONTHS
IN YEAR ARE 12

Twelve times during year Savings
deposit Interest periods begin—the
last day of every month.

MIDDLESEX CO.
SAFE DEPOSIT & TRUST
Merrimack-Palmer Bldg.

TO TAKE OVER
DUTCH SHIPS

U. S. and Great Britain
Present Formal Notice
to Holland

To Seize Ships if Agreement is Not Accepted
by March 18

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The United States and Great Britain have presented a final notice to Holland that unless the pending agreement for allied use of Dutch ships is accepted by March 18, the ships will be taken over for allied use.

The Netherlands minister, Augustus Phillips, had an engagement to see President Wilson today and it was believed he would present a final appeal for his government that the intentions of the United States and Great Britain to take over Dutch shipping at least be modified.

LONDON, March 14.—Because of the long delays in the negotiations with Holland over Dutch ships in allied ports and the slowness of the Dutch government to act in this respect, Great Britain and the United States have reached an agreement to end the negotiations and take over such ships next week for the use of the allies.

Every precaution will be taken to safeguard the rights of the owners. The ships will be replaced at the earliest possible time after the war.

The amount of tonnage made available to the allies through the Dutch arrangement is 1,000,000 tons of which seventy per cent is in the United States, 15 per cent in British ports and 15 per cent in other allied ports.

A similar arrangement already made in the case of Norway is working satisfactorily to the Norwegian owners and shipping interests.

The allied decision finds a logical basis in the lex angoria, or the law covering the forcible seizure of a ship for public use, under which a belligerent nation may use neutral tonnage if adequate compensation is paid. The Germans exercised this right on British vessels in the Franco-Prussian war.

As regards Dutch ships in other than ports in Great Britain and the United States it is believed the arrangement included a number of such vessels in far eastern ports. A telegram from The Hague yesterday stated that the Dutch foreign office had learned that clearances had been refused to several Dutch vessels at Singapore.

MYSTERIOUS MOVEMENT
OF TROOPS IN CHINA

PEKING, March 14.—The mysterious movement of troops by Gov. Chang Soulin, of Mukden province, coupled with the reported desire of President Feng-Kuo-Chang to resign, is causing speculation in the capital.

Gen. Chang Soulin recently intercepted a large shipment of arms from Japan intended for the use of the Chinese government. The seizure was made on the allegation that there was danger of the arms falling into the hands of the enemies of the northern military leaders through civil conflict in the government.

Shortly thereafter he began to move his troops southward, ostensibly to aid the northern leaders against the southern rebels. His troops are now at Luan Chow, Shanhaiwan and Tien Tsin in Chihli province in which Peking also is situated.

SCORES DRIVEN FROM
HOMES BY FLOOD

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 14.—Scores of families were driven from their homes and all industries in Hornell were paralyzed by a flood due to a cloudburst that swept down the valley of the Canisteo early today inundating one-third of the city.

The entire factory district was flooded and many buildings were damaged. Firemen and policemen worked for hours in boats rescuing residents from their flooded homes. So far as is known no lives have been lost. The Erie and Shawmut railroad tracks were under water and no trains moved.

The flood extended 40 miles down the Canisteo river valley, almost to Corning. Rain continued late this morning. Soon after the storm broke the girls in the Hornell Telephone exchange sent warnings to persons living in the danger districts.

245 POUNDS OF DYNAMITE
FOUND AT HOG ISLAND

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Enough dynamite to blow up half the shipyard at Hog Island has been found here during February, Dudley R. Kennedy, manager of the industrial relations department, told the senate investigating committee today, and secret service men have been unable to find who placed it there.

The testimony was brought out by Senator Nelson of Minnesota, who asked Kennedy whether the American International corporation had had any difficulty with spies.

"I hesitate somewhat to make the statement at a public hearing," said Kennedy, "but the fact is we found 245 pounds of dynamite on the grounds last month. That amount, intelligently placed, would have been enough to blow up one-half the yard. Twenty pounds were found in one place, the remainder being hidden in different parts of the yard."

BRITISH VICTORY
IN AIR BATTLE

LONDON, March 14.—Two British seaplanes on Tuesday engaged five enemy aircraft over the North sea, destroying one seaplane and downing another it is announced officially. Both the British planes returned. The text of the announcement reads:

"On Tuesday two British seaplanes attacked five enemy aircraft in the southern part of the North sea. The engagement lasted 30 minutes. One enemy two-seater was shot down and destroyed, the observer of a second machine was killed and a third seaplane was driven down on the water."

"An engagement terminated when the British seaplanes had expended all their ammunition. Both the machines returned safely."

The following official statement was issued:

"Only one aircraft crossed the coast last night. It dropped four bombs on Harlepool. The raid, which was operating at a great altitude, only narrowly overland a few minutes and the remainder of its bombs appear to have fallen into the sea."

Six dwelling houses were demolished and about 30 damaged. The latest police reports state that the following casualties occurred:

Killed, one man, one woman, three children; injured, three men, one woman, five children."

ASK FOR MINIMUM WAGE
OF \$25 A WEEK

The local bartenders are out for a minimum wage of \$25 per week and unless it is granted there is talk of a strike being declared in this city. The present minimum wage is \$18 a week and the Local Liquor Dealers' association has agreed to increase the minimum to \$21 a week but this is not satisfactory to the clerks. A meeting of the dealers' association was held in Ellis' hall this afternoon for the purpose of discussing the question.

The local bartenders are members of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders' International League of America and the agreement between the clerks and dealers that the minimum wage be \$18 a week, expired on the first of this month.

Last Friday a delegation of bartenders met a committee from the dealers' association and submitted the proposition for the minimum wage of \$25, but the committee stated that it did not have the power to act in the matter and as a result a meeting of the dealers was called for this afternoon and the majority of those engaged in the liquor business were in attendance.

The bartenders contend that with the rule of "no treating, no trust" that the proprietors are making a big saving and that they should increase wages accordingly, inasmuch as the bartender is the man who enforces the rule. They estimate that the profits of the dealers are increased from 20 to 30 per cent, since the treating was eliminated. They also declare that the high cost of living warrants their request. The dealers on the other hand state that owing to the many taxes imposed by the state, city and federal authorities that the margin of profit is very small at the present time. In answer to that the clerks state that the consumer and not the proprietor of a saloon is paying that for in many places the size of the glasses has been reduced and all liquors have increased in price to the consumer anywhere from 25 to 50 and in some cases 100 per cent.

SURVEYOR GENERAL OF ALASKA
WASHINGTON, March 14.—Nominations by President Wilson today included: Charles E. Davidson of Alaska, surveyor general of Alaska (re-appointment);

ROBERT R. THOMAS,
Grand Knight
PHILIP J. BREEN,
Fin. Sec.

Now is the Time

Don't wait for a large
sum to start your Savings
account.

Begin with a little, add
to it each week, just watch
it grow.

Interest begins April 1
in the Savings Department.

This Bank is under the
supervision of the United
States Government.

OLD LOWELL
NATIONAL BANK
Oldest Bank in Lowell

Knights of
Columbus

There will be a regular meeting
of Lowell Council, No. 72, Knights
of Columbus this evening at 8
o'clock. Business of importance
to come before the meeting.

FIRE AS ILLUSTRATION OF WAR CO-OPERATION

The following article on war co-operation is by Roger W. Babson, a well-known writer on financial and industrial subjects:

"32" was the box number. This meant that the fire was near our house. I at once put on my coat and hat and went to the corner. True enough, great clouds of smoke were already pouring out of a hotel opposite.

The fire apparatus was beginning to arrive. First came a hose-and-ladder truck; next came two steamers; then came a patrol wagon with policemen to prevent looting; following was an ambulance with a doctor and nurses. Even the insurance companies were represented by a truck with rubber blankets to spread on goods in the store below.

No questions were asked as to who owned that building or whether the inmates were rich or poor; there was no jealousy between the different branches of service. The firemen, the doctors, and the insurance agents all co-operated with one single aim, namely, to put out the fire. And in half an hour the fire was out.

France is now ablaze. Over there are our brothers and neighbors. With heart co-operation between stockholders and workers, between employers and employees, we can get there in time to save democracy. I believe that we are going to see such co-operation. I know that all my readers are going to do their best.

Did you ever think what it is about a fire which thrills us? Did you ever wonder why our blood tingles and our heart throbs as the fire trucks rush by?

Well, the real reason is because a spirit of co-operation then fills the air. When there is a fire, everyone wants to help, and so we then want to help. Wanting to help starts the blood running through our veins, and we have a new feeling and a new experience. That's co-operation!

18 BRITISH MERCHANT SHIPS LOST LAST WEEK

LONDON, March 14.—The admiralty reports the loss by mine or submarine of 18 British merchantmen in the past week and one fishing vessel. Of these 15 were 1600 tons or over and three under the tonnage.

The arrivals at ports in the United Kingdom numbered 2010; sailings, 2062. Merchantmen unsuccessfully attacked, eight.

For the third time in as many weeks 18 British merchantmen have been destroyed by mine or submarine. In the previous week 12 of the vessels were 1600 tons or over and six under that tonnage, while in the preceding week 14 of the vessels were of more than 1600 tons.

BRITISH DROP 10 TONS OF BOMBS ON FREIBURG

LONDON, March 14.—British airplanes attacked munitions works and barracks at Freiburg, Germany, on Wednesday afternoon, says an official statement on aerial operations.

"Nearly 10 tons of bombs were dropped," says the statement. "All our machines reached their objective."

"In addition to the raid reported in last night's official statement over three tons of bombs were dropped on the docks at Bruggen. On Tuesday bombing raids continued with greater vigor than on previous days. Over 13 and a half tons of explosives were dropped on various targets, including railway sidings at Mons and Davay, large ammunition depots northeast of St. Quentin and south of Douai and billets between Lille and Cambrai."

REDUCTION IN FISH PRICES PREDICTED

BOSTON, March 14.—An increase in the supply of fresh fish in New England with a consequent reduction in prices was predicted today by Boston fish dealers as a result of the agreement between the United States and Canada, announced yesterday at Ottawa. The provision of the agreement which will allow Canadian fishermen to put into American ports, sell their catches and purchase supplies will greatly augment the depleted fleet bringing fish to Boston, the dealers believe.

Under the old regulations it was necessary for the Canadian fishermen to return from the fishing grounds to some Canadian port and obtain clearing papers before they could take their fares to United States ports. American fishermen, especially those of the Cape Shore mackerel fleets and the salt banks fishermen, are expected to profit by the agreement allowing them to enter Canadian ports without clearing papers or licenses.

PANIC ON BERLIN STOCK EXCHANGE

WASHINGTON, March 14.—According to a despatch yesterday from Zurich, the German socialist paper Vorwarts says the scandal in Germany connected with graft at the Daimler munitions factories, which the budget commission of the reichstag is investigating, has caused a veritable panic on the Berlin stock exchange.

The Daimler stock fell two-thirds of its value and a large number of other war stocks suffered similar shrinkage, due to popular belief that the greater part of the war factories have been guilty of grafting and will be prosecuted by the German treasury.

CRITICENTON RESCUE LEAGUE

At the annual meeting of the members of the Crittenton Rescue League held yesterday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. E. A. Flaherty; first vice president, Mrs. George L. van Dusen; second vice president, Mrs. Brooks Stevens; secretary, Mrs. Burnham R. Bennett; treasurer, Miss Alice Rowell; field secretary, Miss Emily Skilton. The meeting was held at the Y.M.C.A. with Mrs. Frederick A. Plummer in the chair. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were received and it was announced that the report of the field secretary would be submitted later.

NEW STYLES IN CORSETS

New corsets of fashion which were designed to coincide with the lines of the new apparel for wear this Spring and Summer are here for your approval.

They are in high and low bust, short and long hip effects, front and back laced.

All marked at popular prices.

Experienced Corsetiers in attendance.

Street Floor, Near Kirk Street Entrance

The Bon Marche

DRY GOODS CO.

SHOWING OF NEW GLOVES

Styles for Spring Wear

There's a wonderful assemblage of them here in the leading makes and shades most wanted. They just arrived from the centers of fashion and are now being shown and are attracting a great deal of attention. Prices that are unusually attractive have been marked on every pair.

Street Floor, Just inside Main Entrance.

Spring Opening

SEE
OPENING
WINDOWS

We extend a cordial invitation to you to visit our store and inspect the

NEW FASHIONS FROM THE STYLE CENTERS OF AMERICA

Not a Few, but hundreds of the approved styles of DAME FASHION

Various Panels and Overskirts Give Quaint Style to the Dresses

Pleasing variations to the slenderness of the present vogue are given by the innumerable kinds of panels and overtones used on many pretty Spring Dresses we are now displaying. Colors are used in many pleasing combinations. Beads, buttons, braids and embroidery are used to give them distinction. This showing reveals dresses for every possible Springtime requirement for both indoor and outdoor use. Priced

\$14.95, \$16.95, \$19.95, \$22.50, \$25.00, \$29.50, \$32.50, \$35.00, \$37.50 to \$95.00

The Favored Styles in Coats

The styles we are now showing constitute only those which have already won their way into the good graces of the FASHION PUBLIC. They exhibit the highly fashionable straight lines, are fitted with large collars which can be worn turned up or down. Some are light weight velours of bright shades, trimmed with a decidedly contrasting color. Some are of Bolivia in tan shades, trimmed with self material. Others of serge and other wanted materials. Priced

\$12.95, \$16.95, \$19.95, \$25.00, \$27.50, \$29.50, \$32.50, \$35.00, \$39.50, \$45.00, \$49.50, \$55.00

WOMEN'S SUITS OF DECIDED EXCLUSIVENESS

Women of taste who are devotees of FASHION and have a keen eye for economy will readily recognize from our large and choice assortment of Dame Fashion—latest products, exclusiveness and distinctiveness of marked individuality rarely shown in any one stock. If you have not as yet seen them, we earnestly request you not to fail to do so at your earliest convenience. They will set your mind at ease on the style question and will give you a correct conception of the creations which will be most popularly worn. Reasonably priced.

\$19.95, \$25.00, \$29.50, \$35.00, \$37.50, \$39.50, \$45.00 to \$79.50

Charming Indeed Are The New Spring Waists

What a wealth of beauties we have to offer you for inspection and selection. You will replenish your wardrobe with a couple, we feel sure, once you lay your eyes on them. Waists made up in all the wanted wash satin, wash silk, georgette crepes, voiles, etc. The styles reveal many new ideas that will appeal to all women of today, each is so reasonably priced.

\$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.98, \$6.98, \$7.98, \$8.98 up to \$14.98

Bright Spring Neckwear

WILL BE VERY POPULAR

There is a touch of magic in the NEW SPRING NECKWEAR, and its wonderful adaptability to weave a new charm over any waist or costume it is worn with. The new simple, somewhat severe, apparel styles call for the bright feminine touch that smart neckwear always gives. In this new showing women will find many new neck pieces to satisfy their every desire, all reasonably priced.

NEW STYLES PLENTIFUL IN CHARMING SPRING MILLINERY

Practically every style one can think of is happily represented in our display at this time. Unusual beauty is shown in the intricacy of line to shape of each hat. Yet every one is in keeping with the line of the season. Small high hats predominate. Pokes and turbans are numerous, yet the wider brimmed hats have their place. We are proud of our display of hats and await your decision. Priced from

\$3.98 to \$25.00

Spring Hosiery

What is the new hosiery for Spring? This is the question you are no doubt asking yourself; and this question you can readily answer to your own satisfaction by an inspection of the lines we are now showing. They will acquaint you with the shades which will be worn with the apparel colors of the new season. Fabrics are of pure silk, silk and lisle, lisle and cotton and pure cotton. Come and view them, we here extend to you a cordial invitation.

Charming New Designs in Feminine Footwear

Spring ushers in a most attractive display of footwear. Styles are unusually attractive and colors rather smart, all of which are in harmony with the most authentic creations for SPRING WEAR. The styles come in a wide variety of lasts and substantial leathers, also combination of leathers. Stunning novelty effects and many pretty and sleek color ideas. And the prices certainly belong to the reasonable class.

THE NEW SEPARATE SKIRTS

For Street, Sport and Dressy Wear

A widely variegated gathering of them are marshalled here in elaborate array. And an inspection of them is respectfully requested. It comprises only those styles that have come to stay, that have captured feminine fancy for wear in the warmer days to come. They come in silk poplin, wash satin, serge, moon-glow, gabardine and velour of prominent and subdued colors. Priced

\$4.98 up to \$19.95



Campbell, Lewis

PRaise FOR U.S. SOLDIERS

Maj. Crockett Tells of Experience "Over There"—France Waits for More U.S. Troops

BOSTON, March 14.—"American soldiers were never so near being supermen as they are today on the battle front in France, where during a sojourn of three weeks I did not see a single case of intoxication," said Major Eugene A. Crockett of the Medical Corps U.S.A., speaking on his experiences in Serbia, Italy and France last evening at the monthly dinner of the Unitarian club at the Somerset.

Maj. Crockett made it clear that he had no sympathy with those who have spoken disparagingly of our soldiers in France. He added that their freedom from drunkenness is the more remarkable since they are billeted in French families, most of whom have liquor in their homes.

As a notable example of the esteem in which American soldiers are held in France, the speaker told of a French woman of superior family, who, in sending her young daughter to Paris from another city, went through an entire train till she found a compartment occupied by American railway engineers, where she installed her daughter for the journey, placing her in charge of the soldiers, and basing her confidence in the Americans on her observation of them in her home city, where many were quartered.

Waiting for America
Major Crockett denied the oft-repeated rumor that either France or Italy are in danger of making peace this year or next, explaining that the French have not been as active in fighting of late as they formerly were because they fought so hard and suffered so much earlier in the war that they have made up their minds to wait for strong American reinforcements before plunging in again.

He declared that no one who has seen the enthusiasm of the Italian troops can suspect them of lacking loyalty to the cause of the allies. "Nowhere in Italy or France," he said, "does one get any indication, even among the grievously wounded in the hospitals, of dependency, or even of suffering."

The United States is not yet appreciated in the war, or one could not see a gathering of 200 men, like this before me, without a uniform in it. In Europe every man from 15 to 65, if physically fit, wears a uniform showing that he is doing some sort of war work."

OH MY STOMACH

"I had stomach trouble so badly that nothing I ate would digest as it should," said Sadie E. Hamilton, Portland, Me., as she began a remarkable story of the relief she has secured from Argo-Phosphate, the new reconstructive, stomach tonic and system purifier.

"Everything that I ate would lie in my stomach like a lump," she explained. "Gas would form and I would suffer distress all the time. I got so I could hardly keep anything down. Trying to get relief, I had my stomach pumped out, but even this did not help me as I continued just as bad."

"I kept hearing so much about Argo-Phosphate that I thought, maybe it might help me and I decided to try it. I have taken two bottles and to my surprise I am already feeling fine. I can eat anything and I am not troubled at all."

"I am completely rid of my old stomach trouble that I had for three years. I have not felt so well for years and I am certainly glad to endorse Argo-Phosphate, because I was helped by this wonderful medicine."

"The spirit of wanting to help others is what makes suffering men and women give these splendid public endorsements of Argo-Phosphate," said a local druggist.

Dispensed in Lowell by Fred Howard, Frank J. Campbell, Burlington Drug Co., Dows Drug Store, Noxon, the druggist.

The speaker declared that the people in the Balkans say the United States will be the only nation represented at the peace council table that will have no private interests to look after, and they hope that the American negotiators will be men well enough posted on the questions at stake and on the rights of the smaller nations to see that their interests are taken care of.

"Peace ought to create a new nation," he said, "composed of Serbia, Herzegovina, Bosnia, Southern Hungary and Southern Austria, all of who whom belong together and desire to be united."

Roberts College Left Alone

He mentioned as a curious fact that though the United States is at war with Turkey's allies, Roberts college is still being conducted in Constantinople by Americans, owing to the influence of Bulgaria, who has insisted that Germany keep her hands off that institution.

The speaker asserted that owing to that fact this country can exercise much influence in settling the Balkan problem at the peace table.

Lieut. Francis W. Peabody, professor at Harvard Medical school, recently home from Red Cross service in Russia and Russia, and who was in the midst of the revolution at Moscow and Petrograd for several weeks, stated that, even though at peace, Russia will continue to influence the war; that while the Russians may not bring about a revolution in Germany during the war, as they tried to do, they will, in his opinion, establish in Russia yet a good strong government, socialistic in character after the war more than any other in Europe.

The speaker believed that in order to draw supplies from Russia, such is the feeling of the Russians against the Germans, that Germany must keep a large number of troops there, which will mean so many fewer on the western front.

J. Randolph Coolidge, Jr., president of the club presided. Dr. Chas. W. Elliot and Col. Melvin C. Adams were at the head table.

WITH THE SOLDIERS AT CAMP DEVENS

CAMP DEVENS, March 14.—Practice with a light infantry cannon used in the French trenches to destroy German machine-gun emplacements and listening posts, began yesterday on the rifle range. Fifty infantry officers witnessed the firing under the direction of Capt. Annam of the French army.

A school of non-coms from each infantry headquarters company handled the cannon and for an hour shells were fired at a tree stump 300 metres across the range. Brig-Gen. Weigel, Brig-Gen. Albright and Brig-Gen. Evans watched the operation of the novel weapon.

Officers Try the Range

Rosie O'Grady, a dainty mule not susceptible to explosion noises, led the procession to the range, drawing the cannon. Brig-Gen. Albright, Col. Tompkins, Col. Smith, Col. Preston and Col. Heron took turns firing the cannon after the gun crew had demonstrated its use for half an hour.

The gun was dismounted from its carriage and carried to a firing post. "Left, two, 325," said Capt. Annam, the gunner shifted the aim to the

right by mistake and it missed. The French officer showed how to "bracket" the target by shooting on all sides of it. One shell failed to explode and Capt. Annam extracted it himself, though gingerly.

A quick spray of black earth located the hits, which the officers watched through field glasses. Lt.-Col. Crofts and Col. Romeyn directed the exhibition. Col. Stewart, chief of staff, represented Maj.-Gen. Hodges. The gathering of general and field officers made the most notable audience at any of the new training events.

Col. Merch B. Stewart, chief-of-staff, has been promoted from a lieutenant-colonelcy. Congratulations came from his pleased colleagues. He graduated from the war college and general staff college, commanded the New England division at the first Plattsburg R.O.T.C., wrote the new infantry drill regulations and went on the tour of the French and British battle fronts with Maj.-Gen. Hodges.

Guarding Against Spies

A move has been made to increase the difficulty of enemy spies securing information in camp through the issuance of an order by Maj.-Gen. Hodges that no civilians will be permitted in barracks without permission of the company commanders. Men having special permission to sell edibles to mess sergeants are excepted.

Between retreat and reveille no visitors will be permitted inside the gate unless accompanied by a commissioned officer. Guests invited to authorized entertainments and those wishing to go to the hostess house are allowed to go back and forth on the direct route, but under escort. Newspaper correspondents retain the right of free access around camp and in barracks as heretofore.

Artillerymen in the 301st adopted the British picket line idea of exercising horses today. Two soldiers rode at either end of a column of horses attached to a rope.

Maple sap icicles, nature's candy, are picked off trees daily by the artillerymen on rides outside camp.

"Pack all equipment and move to Westfield April 20" read a practice field order in the officers' training camp, which brought a deluge of inquiries to Lt.-Col. Falls, the commander, when camp gossip made it a "fact" yesterday.

A serious joke bothers division headquarters as how to make good on the promise to give passes Saturday.

Tells How to Stop a Bad Cough

Surprising results from this home-made syrup. Easily prepared and costs little.

If you have a severe cough or chest ailment accompanied with soreness, throat tickle, hoarseness or difficult breathing, or if your child wakes up during the night with croup and you want quick help, just try this pleasant tasting home-made cough remedy. Any druggist can supply you with 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex (50 cents worth). Pour this into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Thus prepared, you have a pint of really remarkable cough remedy—one that can be depended upon to give quick and lasting relief at all times.

You can feel this take hold of a cough in a way that means business. It loosens and raises the phlegm, stops throat tickle and soothes and heals the irritated membranes that line the throat and bronchial tubes with such promptness, ease and certainty that it is really astonishing.

Pinex is a special and highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, and is noted for its speed in overcoming severe coughs, throat and chest ailments. Its millions of enthusiastic users have made it famous the world over.

There are many worthless imitations of this noted mixture. To avoid disappointment, ask for "2 1/2 ounces of Pinex" with full directions and don't accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded, goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

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Extraordinary Success which "Fruit-a-lives" Has Achieved

One reason why "Fruit-a-lives" is so extraordinarily successful in giving relief to those suffering with Constipation, Torpid Liver, Indigestion, Chronic Headaches, Neuralgia, Kidney and Bladder Troubles, Rheumatism, Pain in the Back, Eczema and other Skin Affections, is, because it is the only medicine in the world made from fruit juices.

These "Fruit Liver Tablets" are composed of the medicinal principles found in apples, oranges, figs and prunes, together with the nerve tonics and antiseptics.

50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size 25c.

At dealers or from FRUIT-A-LIVES Limited, GARDENBURG, N. Y.

to purchasers of tickets for the Red Cross entertainment at Lynn. Five hundred became purchasers and the demand is increasing steadily.

A Grateful Russian

Maj. Charles A. Brown, a New York physician, has been made commander of the sanitary train, which includes the four ambulance companies and four field hospitals.

Priv. James Waron, a Russian army Cossack in C Battery, 301st Artillery, received a sweater from the Peabody Red Cross chapter and has made the chapter's beneficiary for \$10,000 life insurance.

Priv. Howard J. Tracy of Lion Mountain, N. Y., yesterday escaped from the 33d infantry guardhouse, where he was held on charge of stealing \$11 from a comrade.

Capt. Norman Harrower, intelligence officer, denied yesterday that any negro draftees are coming to Camp Devens.

Every Boston rookie in the 19th Company, Depot Brigade, has taken out \$10,000 insurance. Lt. William Moran of Boston, is insurance officer there.

LOWELL MEN FOR THE NEW DRAFT

Special to The Sun.

STATE HOUSE, Boston, March 14.—Sixty-one men are to be taken from the city of Lowell to make up the city's quota in the new draft of 95,000 men, who are to be mobilized March 29. They are divided among the four selective districts as follows:

Division One17
Division Two15
Division Three17
Division Four12

For the districts in which adjoining towns are included, the quotas are as follows:

Division 15.—Acton, Ashby, Ayer, Berlin, Bolton, Boxborough, Groton, Harvard, Littleton, Lunenburg, Maynard, Pepperell, Shirley, Stow, Townsend and Westford—18 men.

Division 19.—Chelmsford, Dracut, Dunstable, Methuen, Tewksbury and Tyngsboro—15 men.

Division 20.—Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, Carlisle, Concord, Lincoln and Woburn—17 men.

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M'GOWAN GOES BACK TO CAMP DEVENS

BOSTON, March 14.—Claiming to be a sergeant in the 303d Field Artillery at Camp Devens, a man was arrested in Charlestown yesterday, who the police say is Robert McGowan, a private, missing from Camp Devens for about two weeks. He was arrested on the charge of breaking and entering and larceny, and his case was continued in the central municipal court. Later it was disclosed and he was turned over to the military authorities. It is believed that he is to be sent to France with the next detachment for immediate service in the trenches.

McGowan is charged with breaking and entering in the nighttime the store of Scanlan & Driscoll, 222 1/2 Friend st., North End, and the larceny of one suit and overcoat, cigars and cigarettes, all valued at \$72.

Early yesterday morning Patrolman Monroe saw a man on Nashua st., who, when the officer approached, dropped an overcoat and several boxes he was carrying and ran away. The patrolman pursued him, but the man escaped over the North station. It is believed, through the railroad yards to Charlestown.

A short time later a man was arrested in Charlestown. Sergeant Donovan and Patrolman Monroe identified him as the one chased earlier in the day. He was taken to the Hanover st. station and word was sent to the adjutant at Camp Devens, who sent back word that the man's description seemed to tally with that of Private Robert McGowan of Manchester, N. H., wanted there as a deserter.

The police say that his picture is in the rogues' gallery in Boston and that on his person were found pawn tickets of a camera and watch alleged stolen at Camp Devens.

CHEER THEM UP

The following poem: "Cheer Them Up" was written by Mrs. I. M. Furgerson, formerly of Lowell and now of Merril, P. E. I.

CHEER THEM UP

It must be a very depressing thing For our soldiers who must have pluck. To receive such mournful letters From those who should cheer them up.

I know that a man would rush to the fray Fortified by vigor and vim, If he knew that those who back home Were cheerfully waiting for him.

Better tell him how you are bearing up. "Never better in all your life," And "I'm prouder of you now, dear," Than the day I became your wife."

When the turnkey at the Indianapolis city jail searched Charles Hich, a Serbian, aged 35, he found in his pockets \$657 worth of war savings stamps and shell stamps, a small purse containing 20 cheap rings and only one cent in cash.

Open Friday Nights Till 9.30—Closed Mondays at 6 P. M.

Beware of the Clothing Fakers

These are the golden harvest days for the CLOTHING FAKERS. Cities and towns are flooded with these fakers today offering men's clothing—called wool—that no self-respecting sheep would own—made from fabrics that are masquerading for that which they are not.

Great temptations confront the clothing merchant today, but in no instance have the standards of the Merrimack Clothing Co. been lowered. In spite of extreme pressure and against the most urgent solicitation, we have held to our quality standard—a standard that has stood the acid test for twenty-five years. We have turned our backs upon thousands of most attractive looking garments of manipulated fabrics that we know would not give satisfactory wear. We can safely say that the quality of our Spring Suits and Overcoats is as high this season as ever before.

It is true that good reliable clothing—the kind you can buy with your eyes closed—the kind sold by the Merrimack Clothing Co.—costs more than it did but not very much more if you make your Spring purchases early. We went into the market months ago—yes, over a year ago—on blues and staple worsteds, and we are going to give the public of Lowell the benefit of our foresight—and while the prices are somewhat higher than other seasons we honestly believe you can buy a dependable Suit or Topcoat for less money here today than anywhere in the United States.

Our Spring Goods are Ready VISIT HERE FRIDAY OR SATURDAY

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Men's SUITS and OVERCOATS at \$20 and \$25

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In All the New Shapes and Colors

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FROM 6.30 TO 9.30 ONLY

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Men's \$15 Suits	\$12.75	Ladies' Odd Suits, worth \$25.....	\$10.50
Men's \$10 Suits	\$8.75	Ladies' Winter Coats, worth \$25....	\$10.50
Men's \$15 Odd Top Coats	\$11.75	Ladies' \$10 Rain Coats	\$6.98
Men's \$15 Rain Coats	\$11.75	Ladies' \$12.50 Dresses	\$8.98
Men's \$5 Pants	\$3.95	Ladies' \$5 Bath Robes	\$2.98
Men's \$4 Pants	\$2.95	Ladies' \$12.50 Silk Waists	\$1.98
Men's \$2.50 Hats	\$1.95	Ladies' \$1.25 Umbrellas .....	.89c
Men's \$1.00 Caps .....	.79c	Ladies' \$1.15 House Dresses.....	.89c
Men's 50c Caps .....	.39c	Boys' \$15 Overcoats	\$11.75
Men's \$1.25 Umbrellas .....	.95c	Boys' Overcoats, worth up to \$12....	\$7.00
Men's \$1.50 Shirts	\$1.09	Boys' Overcoats, small sizes only....	\$2.95
Men's 85c Work Shirts .....	.69c	Boys' \$6 Mackinaws	\$3.95
Men's \$7.00 Sweaters	\$5.25	Boys' \$12 Suits (two pants).....	\$9.75
Men's \$1.25 Union Suits .....	.89c	Boys' Odd Suits, worth \$12.....	\$7.00
Men's \$1.00 Fleece Undershirts.....	.43c	Boys' Odd Suits, large sizes only....	\$2.95
Men's 65c Neckwear .....	.54c	Boys' \$1.25 Knicker Pants .....	.95c
Men's 35c Cotton or Wool Hose.....	.23c	Boys' \$1.00 Shirts69c
Men's 17c Stockings.....	2 Pairs 25c	Boys' 69c Shirts and Waists.....	.55c
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Has caught the town. Remember, ladies, you are buying these serviceable dresses, in many cases, at the cost of materials. Hardly one style we show but manufacturers have advanced prices 25%.

3500 DRESSES IN THIS MONSTER SALE

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No more when these are sold.

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Sells everywhere

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Sizes to 52 Bust.

1200 CHILDREN'S AND JUNIORS' DRESSES in qualities that we cannot duplicate at less than a big advance in price.....98c, \$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.98

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THE RUSSIAN OUTLOOK

Even the Bolsheviks permit a Petrograd correspondent to put this through:

"Russia is making history every day."

Some reliable reports filter out of Russia. Russia is not only rapidly making history but she is going to keep it for some time, for the reason that she is going to be some time in "finishing" herself.

One of the discoveries made when Nicholas quit was that Russia wasn't Russian, but largely a conglomeration of different peoples, varying in language, customs, ideals and conditions, and many of them desirous of independence of Russia. Mere capacity for self-government of Russians as Russia was a serious and dubious question.

Within a short time, such important parts as Finland, Siberia, Polish Russia and the Ukraine have split off, and it is doubtful whether Russia can ever remain there save by a war especially for that purpose. Surely, the birth of a half-dozen independent countries is making history rapidly.

Within four months, Russia proper, that is, the part of her conceded to her de facto government, has witnessed the passing of three of her four leading spirits. Kerensky has been followed by Krylenko and Trotsky. Lenin is alone left, and he is so pro-German that he cannot last long. As the day of the Russian statesman passes, there rises, over in the far east, the star of a fighter. General Semenov has a strong force of Cossacks which is hourly being augmented, and he is after the Siberian railway, the main artery of Russia, without which no government at Petrograd can long survive. Semenov is likely to make some more Russian history every day, especially if he is joined by the Japanese, who are now planning to protect the interests of the allies in that region.

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SERVICE AT COST It seems quite probable that the service at cost plan will offer the best method of rehabilitating the street railway companies of the state, now laboring under financial difficulties. It appears that even the increase of fare to six cents is not sufficient to enable the roads to give the service demanded by the public. The great trouble with the service at cost is, that whatever the cost may be, the public will have to pay whether the fare be six, eight or ten cents. If the public could be protected against extravagance, the system might afford the most practical solution of present difficulties.

New papers in Ohio are passing around Thrift Stamps instead of cigars. Getting a stamp instead of one of those "new arrival" cigars, you don't have that longing to drown the "new arrival."

Washington says that Secretary Baker's presence in Europe is "regarded as evidence of the president's determination to press the war aggressive."

The policy of building ships faster than the "sub" can sink them is a poor makeshift. Why not build submarines to go in and get the German destroyers at their base or immediately after leaving. It should not be impossible to find some undersea method of fighting this menace. Where is American ingenuity that it cannot solve this problem? The submarine is Germany's chief weapon at sea and it is a most destructive weapon, but the Entente seems to have left it entirely to the enemy. Is it not possible by means of the submarine to penetrate and destroy some of the German naval bases? It would seem that they might easily be reached if a few inventors of the practical kind and a crew of courageous seamen like George Charette were selected to take the task in hand. We want not only submarine chasers but submarine destroyers under water. An underwater detective boat that would locate the submarines and explode one of those depth bombs close by is the demand of the hour. Moreover, an attachment is needed for the depth bomb that will permit the ship that uses it to get out of range of the explosion when the depth bomb is launched. Such an attachment is provided for certain kinds of bombs on land. This submarine problem seems to be abandoned as insuperable judging from the passive manner of treatment adopted. It is more necessary to stamp out this menace than to go over the top in France.

The correspondence showing the object of Secretary Baker's visit to Europe is now out and is of general interest. General Pershing, it appears, has requested Secretary Baker to visit the scene of operations in France in order to learn from personal observation the conditions under which the soldier boys have to fight, the system of transportation and storage and whether anything is needed to add to the comfort or efficiency of the soldiers.

There is little doubt that Mr. Baker's trip to France will be profitable in more ways than one. It will improve the morale of the soldiers in France and will have a similar effect at home. Coming in touch with the government officials in France and England, he will be more deeply impressed with the need of speeding up the war operations in this country. Secretary Baker wants to familiarize himself with the details of every function or operation for which he is primarily responsible. He will hereafter be able to deal with conditions "over there" from personal knowledge, not hearsay or what he may read in the newspapers. His tour will prove highly beneficial to the government troops and to the war department.

The labor forces of the country are apparently quite willing to work under the direction of the government and for the promotion of the war work the government has on hand; but they do

ly. Silly! The president hasn't been lying down on the job, has he?

Rockefeller, Jr., proclaims that application of the golden rule will settle industrial unrest. Look out for a rise in oil by Rockefeller, Sr.

Mayor Thompson is doing all he can to promote the sale of smileage books and to benefit the soldiers in every other way possible.

Cabinet crises in both Spain and Portugal. We certainly smell a Bolo Pasha in those Iberian woodpiles.

Is it not time General Hodges lifted the ban?

A disposition is not the easiest thing in the world to improve.

It is the delight of some people to have the other fellow live in an atmosphere of uncertainty.

Some men are so lucky that if they were cast upon a cannibal island it surely would happen on a meatless day.

The German word for "tank" they tell us is, officially, "schutzensgraben-vernichtungsmittel." It would hardly do to call any of our friends a tank, in German, and expect to get away with it in a hurry.

Yes, How About the Boys? When at the Brockton high school it was announced that the girls had agreed to limit the cost of their dresses to \$3, one of the rude boys in the back of the room said loud enough for everyone in his immediate vicinity to hear, that he was going to make a motion that the boys wear a straw hat, a pair of running pants and a pair of brown spats. That, he held, was about all the boys could manage on a \$3 limit—Brockton Enterprise.

Why Is It? When you're leaving home in the morning for work and it's raining. Your umbrella is down in the office. And that night you bring it home. And it's still raining. Some more about. Rain. Why is it, when you're leaving for work, and it's raining. Leaving for work, and it's raining. Oceans, until you get on the car. Then it rains down. To a sprinkle. And stays that way just until you get off the car. Then it rains loose for a fare-you-well. Eh, well?

Miffed Pup in Knitting Bag A dark brown Pekinese pup, born to the canine purple and worth \$150 in the dog market appeared in Jefferson market court in New York as the chief witness against Mrs. Bertha Thibault of 414 West Forty-second street. Mrs. Thibault was accused by the proprietor of Doughty's bird and animal store of 312 West Forty-second street of having stolen the dog and carried it away in one of those latter day knitting bags that will hold anything from a cat to a trench warrior. The prosecuting attorney produced

object to the conditions imposed by contractors who have persistently in the past refused to recognize any labor union. The day when labor could be denied its right to organize has gone by and it is useless for contractors to butt against the fact, yet some of them do so persistently, apparently from an unwillingness to recognize the labor organization just as if by recognition the rights of non-union labor were thereby abrogated, which is not the case. To remove some of the causes of labor troubles it would be well to prevent some contractors from adopting such a domineering policy towards labor organizations and this wholly apart from any question of wages.

Any attempt to exploit labor for political profiteering or any other purpose must be promptly stopped by the government.

How to Make Oatmeal Bread

Healthful to Eat—Saves the Wheat

1 cup flour
1 1/2 cups corn meal
1 teaspoon salt
5 teaspoons Cleveland's Baking Powder
2 tablespoons sugar

1 cup cooked oatmeal or rolled oats
2 tablespoons shortening
1 1/2 cups milk
No eggs

Sift together flour, corn meal, salt, baking powder and sugar. Add oatmeal, melted shortening and milk. Bake in greased shallow pan in moderate oven 40 to 45 minutes.

This wholesome bread is easily and quickly made with the aid of

Cleveland's Superior Baking Powder

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FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR

his Pekinese Highness and displayed him prominently on a table.

"Could the dog have been concealed in the woman's bag?" asked Magistrate Cobb.

"Gosh, Judge, she could have put the flatiron building in it," said the complainant.

Mrs. Thibault said the pup followed her from the store and that she knew where she could sell it for \$300 and it was her purpose to do so and then pay the store \$150 it wanted for the animal.

The court held the woman in \$1000 bail for grand jury action.

Long Wanderings of a Trunk If Hackensack, N. J., were a city in which one expected speed or service, Dr. C. R. Kuebler, who lives there, would be rather indignant about a trunk which he received a few days ago.

As matters are, however, he is merely mystified, because the trunk, which has been on its way to him for 25 years, belongs to no one he knows, contains nothing he wants and came from a place he never heard of.

Dr. Kuebler was notified that if he called at the Wells-Fargo Express Co. office in Hackensack and paid \$1.88 in cash he could have a package which it was high time he had got. He reported with the funds and found one of the oldest trunks now extant. A stamp on its side indicated that it left Nabl, India, in 1858 and its contents showed that it had been handled by some of the most violent baggage handlers in America, season after season.

Spurred on by the initial investment Dr. Kuebler had the trunk opened and found therein a package of circulars announcing a lecture on the Holy Land and 10 pieces of moth-strated Oriental apparel. A visiting card such as he recalled having in St. Louis 20 years ago was in the trunk and a picture of E. Lydia Van Felsenstein Muntford, a lecturer of whom Dr. Kuebler had never before heard.

The express company announced that the trunk belonged to Dr. Kuebler, with title free and clear, and he, with

no show of enthusiasm, had it removed to the nearest open lot.

A Hymn for Aviators Lord, guard and guide the men who fly Through the great spaces of the sky, Be with them traversing the air in dark'ning storms or sunshine fair.

Thou who dost keep with tender might The balanced birds in all their flight, Thou of the tempered winds, be near That having Thee, they know no fear.

Control their minds with instinct fit, What time, adventuring, they quit The firm security of land; Grant steadfast eye and skilful hand.

Alone, in solitudes of space, Uphold them with Thy saving grace; O God, protect the men who fly Through the lone ways beneath the sky.

—Chicago Post.

COMMUNICATIONS

60 State Street, Boston March 13, 1918. Editorial Department, "Lowell Sun," Lowell, Mass.

Dear Sirs: Under your editorial "Will Germany Win" in your issue of the 12th instant, I notice that you take as an example of war profits the case of the American Woolen Co., comparing their statement of 1913 which showed a deficit of \$577,555 being only one of three years in the existence of the company when they have failed to more than earn their dividends, and in the year in question the deficit was caused by tariff changes necessitating a readjustment of inventory, in comparison with the year 1917 showing profits of some \$15,000,000, which change the editorial states was due to government contracts. I understand that this last statement is not true as the company had a large civilian business; the largest in the company's history.

Regarding that you wish to be put right in matters like the above, I remain,

Very truly yours, GEORGE A. NASH, A stockholder in the American Woolen company.

Note.—It would seem that the war gave full effect to the republican policy of high protection and as to government contracts, we understand the American Woolen company had some

very large contracts for government work. We do not know to what extent such contracts increased the profits of the company, nor apparently does Mr. Nash as his statement, according to his own admission, is not based on definite knowledge.—Ed.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Lowell Lodge, Local Order of Moose, was held last night at its rooms in Odd Fellows building with Dictator John E. MacCallum in the chair. Several applications for membership were received and referred to the organization committee.

Chairman St. Ledger announced that the location of the series of classes in the next meeting. Under the group of the order the following members made interesting remarks: Messrs. Richard J. Flynn, Ernest P. Parsons, Edward Goodson, Patrick R. Monahan, John B. Curran and Martin S. Cording. After the meeting a mock trial was enjoyed by the members present.

A supper and entertainment was held by the members of Post 185 G.A.R. and Ladies' Auxiliary at the hall in Central street last night. There was a large attendance and the affair proved to be a success in every particular.

Supper was served at 6:30 o'clock by the women of the auxiliary with Mrs. E. A. Robinson as matron. Later in the evening the following entertainment program was carried out:

Salute to the colors, with Harold Bryant as the color bearer; trio, Fred Bryant, cornet, Miss Bernice Knight, piano, and Miss Bertha Knight, violin; songs, Miss Poole, readings, Miss Blaisdell; cornet selections, Mr. Bryant, with Miss Bernice Knight as accompanist; duet, Misses Knight; sailor's hornpipe and Highland fling, Miss Bessie Clark; songs, Commissioner James E. Donnelly; readings, Miss Anna Winters; remarks, Mayor Thompson and Superintendent Remond Welch of the police department. M. F. Smith had charge of the entertainment.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

Note.—Below is what the press agents of the different theatres say of the current attractions and of others to come later.

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE There is laughter and plenty of the B. F. Keith theatre, this week, for the show there is pre-eminently a comedy contribution. Frank Dobson, the immaculately groomed monologist, stands high on the bill. His work is distinctive and he dashes over a surprise finish that it literally a riot. Bert Levy, the cartoonist, is unquestionably the best artist in the vaudeville ranks. His work has real class to it all of the time. As for Marie Stoddard, the girl who sings "cartoon songs" let it be said that she is different from any other woman we have known. Everything in vaudeville is her field, and she displays amazing talents in hitting off the various acts we have all seen. A Hebrew comedy, "Business is Business," is purveyed by Fisher and Hawley. This is a laugh-maker of the first water. Miss Dong Pong Gue and Mr. Harry Haw, Chinese entertainers, and Brown & Jackson in a skit make up the rest of the bill. "The Keys of the Righteous," with Erld Bennett in the big role, is shown at every performance.

THE STRAND Mae Marsh, who will be remembered for her work in "The Birth of a Nation" and "Polly of the Circus," will appear today. The Strand in her latest release, "The Beloved Traitor," a new Goldwyn picture that unfolds in a most interesting way the story of a good girl who whips a villain. Not even the sweetness of Mae Marsh could have won back the man she loves if her sufferings did not develop in her terrific emotional strength. Her emotional work is the big surprise of the offering.

In "The Moral Law" Miss Gladys Brockwell shows herself a lovable girl and as another kind in one who is the usual pleasant, happy, smiling girl, who is always trying to help others. The other type reflects on her, just doesn't care what happens to her fellow helps. The remainder of the program for the week-end includes an amusing Mack Sennett Keystone comedy and a new Strand Revue, "Coming 'The Belgian" and "The Cross-Bearer."

FIRE IN PRINCE STREET An alarm from box 12 shortly before seven o'clock last night summoned a portion of the fire department to a lively blaze in a house at 27 Prince street, owned by J. B. Goodwin. Some person living on the second floor of the building entered a clothes closet with a lighted match and accidentally set fire to some of the clothing. Instead of trying to extinguish the fire himself he rushed down

MIDDLESEX WOMEN'S CLUB Friday, March 15, 8 p.m. Darling will give a demonstration on "War-Time Cooking." The public is invited. Tuesday, March 19, 8 p.m. Lecture, Isaac F. Marquess, "America's Greatest Reporter." Subject, "Personal Glimpses of Great Allied Leaders." Wednesday, March 20, 8 p.m. Service, Return Conference. Speakers: Hon. Richard H. Dana, Hon. Courtney Crocker. This is an open meeting.



NEW IDEAS

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DISPUTE BLOCKS SECOND DRAFT

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Legislation to change the system of apportioning drafted men by making the basis the number of men in Class 1 instead of the population of states, was held up in the house yesterday by the filing of an adverse minority report by members of the military committee and by the statement of Chairman Dent that the measure would not be called up until after Secretary Baker's return from France.

This will delay the second draft, as Provost Marshal General Crowder has announced that he will not go ahead with it until the law is changed.

At the time the minority report was filed Gen. Crowder was before the senate military committee urging speedy consideration of the measure and of another to require registration of all men attaining 21 years of age since last June 5. He appeared greatly concerned when he learned that the legislation was checked.

The senate has passed the bill to change the basis of apportionment. Representatives Gordon, Shallenberger, Wise, Nichols, Harrison and Hull joined in the dissenting report, which declared that the proposal would subject to the arbitrary will and authority of those in control of the nation's military power the 9,000,000 men registered except only those unconditionally exempt from the draft, as fully and completely for all practical purposes as those already inducted into the military service.

"If congress," the dissenters added, "is prepared to deliver the bodies of these 9,000,000 men into the hands of the military authorities without condition or limitation, then it should pass this joint resolution; if not, it should be defeated."

Five democrats and one republican constituted the minority, which declared that the resolution would create a favored class to front on war profits. Legislation to abolish the extra allowance of 50 per cent. in pay to men in the aviation service was approved by Gen. Crowder, who detailed the reasons given by Gen. Pershing, Secretary Baker and the general staff—that aviation was not more hazardous than other branches of the service, according to the percentage of fatalities, and that there now was no difficulty in securing men for aviation work without the attraction of extra pay.

U.S. FIGHTING SEAPLANES TO WAR ON U-BOATS

WASHINGTON, March 14.—America's first fighting seaplanes, equipped with Liberty motors, have been tested and accepted, and a number of the craft are now being delivered for the use of the naval air service. They are the advance guard of a big fleet which will be added to the forces engaged in submarine hunting in the war zone.

A second type of fighting plane for the American navy, known as the Bristol model, also has reached the production stage and a considerable number will become available during the present month. Still another type, a two-seater machine, also is being manufactured.

Two Motors to Each Plane

The seaplanes are similar to the British flying boats and are equipped with two Liberty motors, which provide approximately 700-horsepower. This is understood to be much in excess of the power used in similar British craft and their performance is expected to be proportionately better.

Engineers of the aircraft board have overcome the last minor defect of the Liberty motors, having to do with the lubrication system.

Officials are satisfied that the output of fighting planes in this country will tax shipping facilities before July, when delivery in quantities in France has been scheduled. Already the problem of caring for the planes on the other side is one to which Gen. Pershing's staff is giving serious thought.

Those produced in the United States are in addition to the fighting aviation equipment to be produced under contract through the French and British governments. There are indications that these foreign contracts are not up to the original schedule of delivery. No details are available as to the actual number of machines that will be turned over to Gen. Pershing during the summer.

French and British experts have been studying the Liberty motor, and it is expected that a large number of



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Working on Motor for 1919

American engineers are devoting themselves to a study of the motor to be used next year, which undoubtedly will show a very considerable increase in horsepower over the present 15-cylinder model.

More powerful motors will be needed for machines to carry such armament as Gen. Pershing has proposed. In response to an inquiry some time ago as to gun power of American fighting planes, Gen. Pershing recommended at least two heavy and two light machine guns, adding:

"We should anticipate the use of three Vickers synchronized guns and three Lewis unsynchronized guns on every airplane."

To carry out such a program larger planes would be necessary, and it is the judgment of officials here that fighting aircraft will increase constantly in size and armament.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCHES

The Merrimack valley conference of Universalist churches was held in the First church in this city yesterday. Rev. H. F. Benton of the Grace church opened the morning session and the preacher was Rev. W. H. Morrison of Nashua, who took as his text the 26th verse of the 50th chapter of Genesis.

The preacher took the words of Joseph to his brothers; that out of the evil they had done would come great good, to illustrate his idea that out of the terrible world war God will bring great good to the nations of the earth.

We as a nation are learning, he said, the lesson of conserving what God has given us. We are learning the value of preparation, of being ready. And one of the great things that are coming out of the war is the destruction of booze. First it was war prohibition, but it will mean absolute prohibition. Even the almighty dollar has taken the stump against booze. Big business throughout the country is saying to the men, "If you work for us you cannot touch liquor." What are prayed for, the downfall of the greatest curse on earth, is coming about through business and war.

Out of the war is also coming democracy. The whole struggle is a struggle between democracy and autocracy, and three-fourths of the world is lined up for democracy. Even in the central powers, looking underneath the surface, we see the same movement underway.

117 WERE TAKEN OFF STRANDED STEAMER

AN ATLANTIC PORT, March 14.—Thirty naval reservists of a party of 117 had an exciting adventure yesterday when they were landed by means of the breeches buoys from the Merchant and Miners Transportation Co.'s steamer Kershaw, which had pushed her nose between two sand bars and stuck off the coast near here during a fog. The other 87 reservists and two women and two children who comprised the passenger list were taken off the steamer by tugs and patrol boats.

The Kershaw, with a crew of about 40 men sticking to their posts, was still hard in the sand last night and lay about seven feet of water in her hold. The sea was calm and the ves-

sel was in no immediate danger. The hope was expressed that after the leaks in her bottom had been stopped the vessel could be pulled off with the high tide tomorrow morning.

The Kershaw, which was bound for a New England from a Middle Atlantic port, went ashore at midnight last night. When her predicament was discovered today coast guards rigged up their gun and fired a line across her bow. Later the breeches buoy was put in operation and many naval reservists chose this exciting method of rescue to the more prosaic one of being taken off by the feet of tugs and other craft which were standing by. The reservists who came ashore in the breeches buoy were sent to their destination by train. The women and children will proceed on the boats which took them off the Kershaw.

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

As a result of complaints brought to Mayor Perry D. Thompson by A. S. Goldman, moving picture censor, to the effect that some local theatres were not complying with the state laws in the playing of the national emblem, "The Star Spangled Banner," His Honor has written a letter to the managers warning them not to have the laws violated again.

The law, which is contained in chapter 311, general acts of 1917, is as follows:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful in the commonwealth to play, sing or render "The Star Spangled Banner" in any public place, theatre, motion picture hall, restaurant or cafe, or at any public entertainment, other than as a whole and separate composition or number without embellishment or addition in the way of national or other melodies, or to play, sing, or render "The Star Spangled Banner," or any part thereof as dance music, as an exit march, or as part of a medley of any kind.

Section 2. Any violation of this act shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.

AMERICAN JEWS PRISONERS

NEW YORK, March 14.—News that 132 American Jews living in Jerusalem had been carried into captivity by the fleeing Turks, and that their fate was unknown, was announced today by the provisional executive committee for general Zionist affairs in reporting details of the evacuation of the Holy City and its occupation by the victorious British army.

Women Beaten

Twelve days before the fall of the city to General Allenby's forces, the advices said, an order was issued for the arrest of the Americans and their deportation to northern Palestine. Women and children were cruelly beaten to compel them to reveal the hiding places of fathers, husbands and brothers. Threatened with the death of their women and children, 70 men emerged from their hiding places and 63 others were rounded up in later raids, which lasted four days.

All of the prisoners were charged with disloyalty to the Ottoman government. Their punishment had been undetermined when the cry "The English are coming!" resounded throughout Jerusalem. The Turks, panic-stricken, are said to have fled, taking their helpless American captives with them.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOULD HAVE DRILL TOWER



TOWER FOR DRILL SCHOOL

That the Lowell fire department to be a big asset in working at a fire and the keen competition in contests at the end of the drill season, and would tend to improve the efficiency of the department.

The old adage "practice makes perfect" is a good one, and it is essential that the drill master keep in touch with the modern methods of fighting fires and instruct the members of the department in every way possible to improve their work and be able to cope with big fires and threatened conflagrations.

It has very often been said that Lowell has few big fires as compared with other cities. The reason for no few big fires is due in no small measure to the efficiency of the force, but even at that, there is opportunity galore for improvement.

The Springfield Department

The Springfield fire department is considered one of the best in the state and it has been brought up to that high standard mainly through the work done on the drill tower at the North street station. The tower is about 75 feet

high, the side dimensions being 12 by 20 feet. As the accompanying cut will indicate, it is of brick construction, practically six stories high and attached to the fire station in question. There is an ideal location at the Fletcher street engine house for the erection of such a tower and the expense of construction, which should be small, would be offset by the increase in knowledge and ability of the firemen. The interior of the structure consists mainly of a rough stairway and nothing more.

In the event of such a building being erected, one member from each company would spend two hours a day, between 9 and 11 o'clock in the morning, Sundays and holidays excepted, in practice work. In case of a fire the men at the drill would board the apparatus at the drill stations and be on the scene of fire to render assistance.

In the accompanying cut is shown a 55-foot extension and a 35-foot extension ladder against the tower and a 10-foot extension ladder against the main building. There are also five pomper ladders being used against the tower. The pomper ladder is a fireman's scaling ladder setting on a pole with cross rungs and hook at upper end.

In the case of rescue work or to carry a line of hose to the upper stories of a building this ladder is very effective. One man takes a ladder, throws the hook into a window-sill on the second floor, climbs up and with the assistance of his life belt, in order that both his hands may be free, he is handed another pomper ladder which he hooks onto the window above. He then mounts the second ladder while another fireman below goes up the first ladder and ladders are passed from one to another until the top of the building is reached.

In many ways these ladders are more effective than the extension ladders for fighting fires in high buildings the men can reach the high places with apparent ease and are never in each other's way.

Knot Making Important

The school curriculum includes lessons in raising ladders, handling hose, advantageous ways to fight various kinds of fires, saving lives, property, use of ropes for hauling up various implements, etc. While it may seem strange, one of the essential lessons taught by the drillmaster is the making of knots, which include the clove, bow, ladder, rolling and barrel hitch, round turn two half hitches, square knot, hecket bend, bowline two ways, bowline in light and running bowline knots. All of these knots come in very handy at times. Some are used for the hauling up of hose, others for taking up axes, brooms, plaster hooks, etc., and others for the saving of lives.

With the bowline in light, which can be made in a few seconds by a man who has been instructed, a person overcome by smoke or suffering from burns can be lowered to a place of safety down the side of the building instead of taking him down a stairway which is a very hard task.

A fireman equipped with a rope with a loop on a reel around his belt can quickly adjust a bowline in light so that the unconscious person's legs can be passed through two loops at the bottom and then placed under the arms and the person is lowered to safety.

Use of Life Net

The use of the life net is also taught. Of course, it is a well known fact that there have been very few fires in which life nets have been used in this city, but each truck and the protective carry life nets. The periodical drill in the use of the life net, however, is a very good one for with the erection of high structures in the event of a fire breaking out there is always a chance for their use in saving lives.

Lieut. Murphy, who has made a careful study of firemen's drills, spent several weeks at Springfield several years ago and as a result of the knowledge he obtained the work of the members of the local department has been greatly

improved. Drills are held during the summer months, but the facilities for drilling are crude and the men do not receive the same instruction they would if they had a drill tower.

For instance, the members of Engines 2 and 4, Truck 3 and Hose 8 do their drilling at the storerooms of the Booth mills in French street; Engine 5, Hose 12 and Truck 4 at the W. C. Smith street firehouse; Truck 2, Engine 2 and 6 at a building in Payne street; Engine 1, Hose 9 and Truck 2 at the old Howarth & Watson building in Tanner street; Truck 1 and Hose 7 and 11 at the Stirling mill; and Hose 10 at a building in Pawlucketville.

Lieut. Murphy, speaking of improvement in the fire department, also recommends the removing of all flush hydrants and the installing of post hydrants. There are many reasons for this. No matter how big the storm, it is easy to locate a post hydrant, but with the flush hydrant it is necessary to keep the lines shoveled off after snow storms and in the event of a heavy storm occurring during the night the firemen have much difficulty in locating a hydrant which is flush with the sidewalk.

Those who have followed the work of the fire departments of Springfield, Worcester, New Bedford, Holyoke and Hartford, Conn., realize that drill towers and drills have proved to be of great advantage.

COAT OF YELLOW PAINT FOR TEACHER ACCUSED OF DISLOYALTY

OTTUMWA, Ia., March 14.—Leon Battig, an instructor in the high school at Albion, suspected of disloyalty, was dragged to the courthouse steps Tuesday night and given a coat of yellow paint. He said war was against his religion and had refused to push the sale of thrift stamps. He was asked to resign and could not be found yesterday.

Before taking your train home from Boston get The Sun at either newsstand in the North station.

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The lemon juice massage indulged in once or twice each day means a little time and trouble, girls, but what a fine result! A skin bleached beautifully white, a complexion with the bloom of a peach, a softening of those lines of care; in fact, a skin eloquent of nature's purity and health, soft and full of charm.

What girl or woman hasn't heard of lemon juice to remove complexion blemishes; to bleach the skin and to bring out the roses, the freshness and the hidden beauty? But lemon juice alone is acid, therefore irritating, and should be mixed with orchard white in this way. Strain through a fine cloth the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing about three ounces of orchard white, then shake well and you have a whole quart of skin and complexion lotion at about the cost one usually pays for a small jar of ordinary cold cream. Be sure to strain the lemon juice so the pulp gets into the bottle, then this lotion will remain pure and fresh for months. When massaged daily into the face, neck, arms and hands it should naturally help to whiten, clear, smoothen and beautify the skin.

Any druggist will supply these ounces of orchard white at very little cost and the grocer has lemons.

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Try a package from your grocer and note these facts:

Saves sugar; Saves wheat; Saves fuel; Saves milk; Saves labor; Saves time;

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A Great Food for These Days

EASTER SUITS — SMART SPRING STYLES

OUR GREAT OPENING DISPLAY OFFERS EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WIDE CHOICE. Rarely is there gathered under one roof such a marvelous showing of Spring Suit styles. Nowhere will you find such exceedingly moderate prices. For three days, beginning Friday, we shall present many hundreds of Opening Suits, in four price groups—\$25, \$29.75, \$35, \$42.50. Wonderful values in each group.

SUITS, \$25

At this price—many surprising values. Some of the \$25 SUITS are Norfolk in Serge and Homespins. Some are smart high-waisted Poplins, gathered around the hips. These come in copen, Pekin, tan, navy.

See the \$25 RIPPLE SUITS of Serge, the back lavishly trimmed with buttons. Navy, tan, black.

Many \$25 SUITS have the regular waist line, with belt. Navy and black Serge. Large sizes, up to 44.

Twenty-Five Dollars

SUITS, \$35

Among the best values under this price group are the \$35 EMBROIDERED SUITS—with fancy pointed side ripple; very full coat, the belt running into a dainty tab pocket effect; square fancy cut embroidered collar, fancy lining; men's wear Serge in gray, navy, chinchilla, sand, black.

A smart \$35 SPORT JERSEY SUIT will be much admired. It is a Norfolk effect, plain, yet stunning, with a sport collar effect. Tan, heather and oxford.

A special Young Person's medium high waist \$35 SUIT has three ruffles, self color braid trimmed. Belts and bows of same material. White serge collar. Serge the fabric. Shades, copen, navy, tan, gray, chinchilla.

Thirty-Five Dollars

900 NEW SPRING DRESSES.....\$13.75, \$16.95, \$22.50, \$27.50 and \$35.00

SUITS FOR GIRLS

are a conspicuous part of the display. A variety of Spring models in all the desirable Young Girls' Styles. Prices for three days,

\$15, \$19.75, \$23.75 to \$35

1200 NEW SPRING COATS. Advance Prices \$10.98, \$12.50, \$15, \$18.75 and \$25.00

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VISIT OUR CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

All the new spring wearables in abundance. Advance sale prices these few days.

Easter is But 16 Days Away

GERMAN PRESS UNEASY

Over Developments in Far East —Germany Plays Entente Game by Breaking Up Russia

AMSTERDAM, March 12.—Some sections of the German press are becoming uneasy over developments in the far east.

The Frankfurter Zeitung considers that the breaking up of Russia into a number of independent states is a bad policy for Germany and urges that the greatest tact and prudence be used in dealing with the border states so that they will not "in the future sign for a reunion with Russia and become so many thorns in Germany's side." The newspaper adds:

"Clearly, the entente policy is to use the Japanese alliance to shove Germany out of Asiatic markets forever. Germany played their game by breaking up Russia. Germany now has no more hope than ever of being able to conduct a far eastern policy except in conjunction with Great Britain and Russia. That is why a weak Russia will not contribute to Germany's ultimate welfare."

Capt. von Salzmann, the military critic of the Vossische Zeitung writes: "Germany too late began to realize that the time might come when the United States and Japan would see that war was not always the most profitable way of settling differences. Germany's Russian policy has played the game brilliantly for Great Britain and the United States. In the same way Germany has increased Holland's debt of gratitude to Great Britain."

"It should have been Germany's game to earn Holland's gratitude by guaranteeing her the safe possession of her East Indian colonies, but instead of this she cemented the Anglo-Japanese alliance and delivered the Dutch colonies from Japanese pressure south-

ward by opening the door to Japanese enterprise in Russia.

"Only the most limited intelligence can believe that the break up of Russia will be to Germany's advantage."

"The consequences are that Germany again finds herself without friends in the world, while Great Britain laughs in the background."

BEAUTIFUL EXHIBIT

A Display of Prominent Works of Renowned Artists

The art store of E. F. and G. A. Makers, Shattuck street, has been converted into an art gallery for the purpose of stimulating the taste for art locally, and Mr. Maker at considerable expense has arranged with various museums and art galleries to exhibit these pictures which will remain in that section of the store which has been changed over for the exhibition of famous paintings, and other pictures which may be viewed during the seven or eight exhibitions in the course of this year. This display of the great masters is open to the public without any admission charge.

The exhibit is well worth the time and attention of every lover of the beautiful. "Master of the Hounds" represents one of the best efforts of the skilled French artist, Joseph Mellin. The color is especially to be admired. A landscape painting by Eugene Boudin will evoke much praise. The storm effect is truly wonderful. W. H. Phelps, who was famous especially for his rural scenes and pictures of animals, is well represented with "Cattle Fording a Stream," which has that touch and naturalness peculiar to his canvases. A typical Dutch scene is well depicted by J. H. Weissenbruch, who was a pupil of Solomon and Vermeer.

A water color by Johan Georges Vibert, "Tending the Cows" by Francois Ter Mullen, "Edge of the Wood" by E. Voisin are among the others to be seen at this display which will continue for two weeks.

Mrs. Adam Zweifel of Orangeville, Ill., is raising a flock of chickens from which she promises to send one to every Orangeville boy in the army camps.

Quick, Safe Way to Remove Hairs

(Toilet Talks)

Keep a little delatone powder on your dressing table and when ugly, hairy growths appear, make a paste with a little of the powder and some water, apply and let remain on the hairy surface for 2 or 3 minutes, then rub off, wash the skin and the hairs have vanished. This treatment is quite harmless and rarely more than one application is required, but to avoid disappointment care should be used to buy the real delatone.

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HUNS FLEE

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main in their trenches to fight the Americans but fled to the rear lines when they appear.

British Success in Tyres
British troops in the Tyres area Wednesday took the initiative and in a raid southeast of Polygon wood captured 27 prisoners and three machine guns and inflicted casualties on the enemy. The German artillery activity is intense on the Tyres sector and between Arras and Armentieres, where strong German raids earlier in the week were repulsed by British and Portuguese troops.

British Advance in Palestine
On the coastal sector of Palestine, north of Jaffa the British have advanced three miles on the 11-mile front. Six villages were taken and two streams crossed in the face of Turkish resistance. A slight advance also has been made on the Jerusalem-Nabulus road in central Palestine.

German Hold Odessa
In the east the Germans now hold Odessa, the great Russian seaport on the Black sea which probably will be used either as the base for an invasion of India by way of Persia or as the terminal of grain shipments from Russia to the central empire. Turkey-German plans in the Caucasus, including the surrender by Russia of three Caucasian provinces which would provide a roadway to Persia and the Caspian sea, are opposed by the Caucasus government. Turkey has been informed that the Caucasus government does not recognize the treaty with the Bolsheviks and that it should treat with the Caucasus direct.

15 British Ships Sunk
British shipping losses for the last week total 15 vessels, the same number as was lost in the two previous weeks. There is an increase, however, in the number of large ships sunk. Fifteen of 1600 tons or over are reported this week.

Another German Raid
German airships again raided the east coast of England Wednesday night and a number of bombs were dropped on Hartlepool, killing five persons.

Germans Occupy Abo
PETROGRAD, March 12.—A strong German detachment is reported to have occupied Abo, on the coast of Finland, west of Helsinki. The Germans immediately began to march into the interior of Finland.

Successes for British
LONDON, March 14.—British raiders brought back prisoners from the German position near Epehy, southwest of Cambrai, last night. The official statement from the war office today also reports the repulse of a German raid in the Ypres sector. The statement reads:

"Our raiding parties entered the enemy's trenches last night southeast of Epehy and brought back prisoners. A raid attempted by the enemy north of the Ypres-Staden railway was repulsed successfully."

"The artillery was active on both sides during the night southwest of Cambrai. The hostile artillery increased its activity in the Neuve Chapelle and Banquissart sectors."

MASS NOTICE

An anniversary mass will be celebrated Friday morning, March 15th, at 3 o'clock at the Immaculate Conception church for the repose of the soul of the late James G. Gettings. Fondly I loved him, he is dear to me still. But in grief I must bend to God's holy will. My sorrow is great, my loss hard to bear. But angels, dear husband, will guard you with care.

FROM HIS WIFE AND FAMILY.

THIRD INCREASE

WITHIN A YEAR

PAWTUCKET, R. I., March 14.—D. Goff & Sons, braid manufacturers, today posted notice of 10 per cent. increase to 1000 employees. This is the third increase within a year.

GERMANS HOLD ODESSA

Biggest Wheat Lands in the World Controlled by Kaiser—May Starve Out Great Nation

Odessa, fourth city of Russia and center of the world's greatest wheat region outside of America, has fallen into German hands, according to Berlin's announcement.

Thus is forged another great link in the chain which Germany is throwing around Russia. With no outlet for her products except through German channels, Russia is already at the Kaiser's mercy.

But German possession of a large part of Russia's wheat lands and control of the rest carries a still more deadly significance to the Russians. Not only will the Kaiser be able to feed his own vast domains from Russian grain fields, but he will be in a position to limit the Russians' food supply and use starvation as a weapon to coerce cities and large sections of the interior, where the population approaches 100,000,000.

Before Peace Congress
And the congress of workmen, private soldiers and peasants meets at Moscow today to decide on ratifying a peace treaty with the man who has stolen the key and contents of their granary.

By control of the Black sea, which Odessa seals, and of the Caspian, secured by Russia's promised surrender of the Caucasus, the Kaiser's highway into Asia's heart seems, for the moment at least, seriously real.

The allies' military missions to Rumania are reported on their way to

Odessa, as the only avenue of escape. German troops are arresting Englishmen and Americans wherever caught in Russia. One American official party is finding difficulty in getting out of Finland.

FUNERAL NOTICES

HARRIGAN—The funeral of Mrs. Maria C. Harrigan will take place Saturday morning at 8.30 o'clock from her home, 61 Marlborough street. Solemn high mass of requiem at St. Margaret's church at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in St. Patrick's cemetery, in charge of Funeral Director James W. McDonnell.

PATTERSON—The funeral of Charles J. Patterson will take place Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from his home, 248 Salem street, North Chelmsford, to the hour to be announced later. Burial in the Lowell cemetery in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

ROARK—The funeral of Andrew P. Roark will take place Friday morning at 9 o'clock from his home, 115 Adams street. A funeral mass will be sung at St. Patrick's church at 9 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

WELSH—The funeral of William F. Welsh will take place Friday morning at 9 o'clock from his home, 115 Adams street. A funeral mass will be sung at St. Patrick's church at 9 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

WOMEN WHO FASCINATE

The art of fascination and attractiveness in women is founded on good health. Women who drag through long hours, days, weeks and some times months of suffering with headaches, backache and dragging down pains soon wear the tell-tale expression of woe and misery. If every such woman would only turn to that good old fashioned root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, to alleviate such ailments it would surely prove the greatest in aid to health and consequent beauty that she has ever known.

DEATHS

HARRIGAN—Mrs. George M. Harrigan, nee Maria Constance Sullivan, wife of the president of the Lowell Trust Co., died last evening at her home, 61 Marlborough street, after an illness of a couple of months' duration. Mrs. Harrigan was born in Lawrence 46 years ago and was a graduate of Notre Dame academy of that city. She taught school in Lawrence, and in July, 1905, was united in marriage to Mr. Harrigan. Mrs. Harrigan was deeply interested in church and charitable work and her field of labor included St. Margaret's church, St. Peter's orphanage, St. John's hospital, the Humane society, the Mil-

SUITS, \$29.75

See the charming \$29.75 GABARDINE RIPPLE SUIT. A high waist model trimmed with two rows of buttons on the back, the ripples and cut-in pockets bound with braid. Has a plain tailored collar. Rookie, navy, black.

A \$29.75 SUIT that must be mentioned is a regular waist-line model, with two ripples around the hips. It comes in Serge and is trimmed with many buttons. Fancy silk lining.

\$29.75 MIXTURES, models quite plain, will prove very attractive because of their style. Other mixtures in this class are pleated, belt and yoke effect. They are all sport suits through and through.

Twenty-Nine Seventy-Five

SUITS, \$39.75

One Plan Tailored SUIT in this price group is cut short in the coat back, falling lower to a graceful point at front. Sleeves are tight fitting. This \$39.75 SUIT is shown in Poiret Twill and Serge; peau de cygne lining; shades chinchilla, gray, navy, black.

A wonderfully stylish \$42.75 SUIT has a fitted back with many seams. The coat a one-button effect, very full, with a braid bound belt across the back.

The mannish effect coat belonging to another fine \$39.75 WAISTCOAT SUIT is a decidedly distinctive model. The vestee is of pique; the skirt has pockets and a braid bound belt. Men's wear Serge.

Thirty-Nine Seventy-Five

diesex Women's club, the Unity club and Guild of the Infant Savior in Boston. Through her efforts many needy families of this city were given aid and in numerous instances she gave secret relief. At the height of the war she took up a new field of work and was appointed chairman of the women's committee for the Liberty Loan campaign in Lowell, but nevertheless, she continued helping the needy and her loss will be keenly felt by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Deceased was taken ill about seven weeks ago with a severe attack of grip. Shortly afterward with her husband she left for Atlantic City in the interest of her health, but when New York was reached she was forced to turn back and after she returned to Lowell she was not able to leave her home, heart complications having developed. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband; two daughters, Elizabeth and Louise; a brother, Cornelius P. Sullivan of Lawrence, and two sisters, Misses M. H. McDonnell and Mrs. John J. Keilner.

ROSA—Maria Rosa, aged 1 year, 2 months, died this morning at the home of her parents, John and Amelia Rosa, 208 Gorham st.

MCALISTER—The funeral of the late Daniel McAlister took place this morning at 9 o'clock from his late home, 32 Lawrence street, and was largely attended. The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Peter's church where at 9 o'clock a high mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Daniel Heffernan. There were many spiritual offerings. The bearers were Patrick Slavin, Hugh McTear, Patrick McTear, John Winters, Patrick McTear and Michael Slavin. Burial took place in St. Patrick's cemetery, where the final prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Heffernan. Undertakers M. H. McDonnell & Sons in charge.

PATTERSON—Charles F. Patterson, a respected resident of North Chelmsford and until recent years located with the business life of Lowell, died today aged 53 years, 10 months, 12 days, leaves a wife, Elizabeth J. Moore Patterson.

FUNERALS

SHEEHY—The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Sheehy of 20 Livermore street, took place this morning from the Immaculate Conception church, and was largely attended, friends being present from Revere, South Boston and other cities. Solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Owen McQuade, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. John O'Brien, O.M.I., as deacon, and Rev. C. P. Flynn, O.M.I., as sub deacon. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends of deceased who was identified with several of the religious societies of the Immaculate Conception parish, of which she had long been a devoted member. She was a devoted worker for charity and an exemplar of Christian virtues. She is survived by two sons, Thomas of Lowell, and John of Ireland; three daughters, Mrs. Patrick Kennedy, Mrs. Nellie Johnson, Mrs. Bridget Wilbur; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren, James and Edward Burns of Lowell; two nephews, Joseph and Edward, sons of Thomas Sheehy of this city. Mrs. Sheehy also leaves one brother, Thomas Lynch in Ireland. Among those who attended the funeral from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jacobs of Revere, and Thomas Lynch of Chelsea. The choir under the direction of Mrs. Hugh Walker, rendered the Gregorian chant, the solos being sustained by Mr. C. P. Sheehan and Miss Sadie Sheehan. There was an array of beautiful floral tributes and spiritual bouquets, showing the esteem in which deceased was held by her many friends. The bearers were: Messrs. Thomas Cavanaugh, Michael Cavanaugh, Thomas Sheehy, Timothy Kennedy, John Ash, George Childs, Robert Jacobs and Cornelius Desmond. The committal service at the grave in the Catholic cemetery was conducted by Rev. Fr. McQuade, O.M.I. The burial was in charge of James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

Chester Mitchell of Sanford, Me., recently sent the United States government a telescope which had been in his family since the French revolution. It was used by Mitchell's great-grandfather during the French Revolution.

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"Neutrone Prescription 99" for rheumatism! Nothing like it in the whole world. It is a prescription that everybody is talking about, and when one takes it it penetrates to the muscles and joints and quickly drives out the causes of the painful trouble. Rheumatists are selling a whole lot of "Neutrone Prescription 99" to people who must have free and strong muscles to support a vigorous body for work.

Get "Neutrone Prescription 99" for weary, stiff and painful muscles and joints. Get it to take out the agony from those painful limbs. Use this sure relief, not only for rheumatism, but to clear up the kidneys, make the liver work and purify the blood. A week's treatment for 50c. Large size bottle, \$1.00.

From Howard's Drug Store, 198 Central St., Lowell Pharmacy, 622 Merrimack St., and leading druggists everywhere.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS STOCK AND FIXTURES FOR SALE

Our Winter stock is almost gone. Do you wish to save 60 per cent. on your Overcoat, Suit, Mackinaw and Sweater for next winter? Remember how hard it has been to buy sugar and coal. Next Winter it will be harder to buy woolen goods. Now it's up to you. Do not blame us if you get left.

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Little Store With the Big Trade

R. R. BILL FAVORED IN THE SENATE

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The senate last night adopted the conference report on the administration railroad control bill by a vote of 47 to 8, after it had rejected and the conferees had eliminated a provision limiting power of the states to tax the carriers while under federal control. The bill now goes to the house for final action, probably tomorrow.

Voting against the report were Senators Borah of Idaho, Cummins of Iowa, Gronous of North Dakota, Johnson of California, Kenyon of Iowa, Norris of Nebraska and Townsend of Michigan, republicans and Gore of Oklahoma, democrat.

Elimination of the tax provision resulted from initial use of the new senate rule prohibiting conferees from writing new matter into a bill. A point of order by Senator Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, republican against the tax clause, was upheld yesterday by Vice-President Marshall and sustained by the senate, 51 to 23. The bill then was returned to conference, where the original tax section, providing that state taxes and railroad regulations shall not be interfered with so far as they are consistent with federal control, was reintroduced.

Other paragraphs of the bill retained as the conferees adjusted them are those for compensating the railroads on the basis of their net income for the three years ending June 30, 1917, involving an estimated federal guarantee of about \$245,000,000 annually; limiting federal operation to 21 months after the war; authorizing the president to initiate rates, subject to approval by the interstate commerce commission; appropriating \$500,000,000 for a revolving fund for the director-general, and placing all "short lines" within the federal system.

NEW HAVEN ROUNDS UP GANG OF ALLEGED FREIGHT THIEVES

WESTFIELD, March 14.—John F. Mahoney of this town, a New Haven railroad special agent, has rounded up 11 men alleged to have been raiding freight cars on the Northampton division between Northampton and New York city. Nine men are held in the New Haven jail in default of \$10,000 bail each, and two in New York city in default of \$15,000 bail.

The latter pair are alleged to have

received stolen shipments of silk from Belden Bros. of Northampton, sent to their New York office. The nine men held in New Haven were alleged to have rifled the contents of the freight cars at the stockyards at Hampton, Conn. It is alleged that this gang has stolen more than \$4211 worth of silk in transit within a short period.

During the past three months the New Haven system has suffered losses of more than \$40,000 through the rifling of its freight cars. Reports of thefts of this nature have been made from all points of the system.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICE

A delegation coming all the way from Lynn, Mass., where Evangelists Perry and Brawner have just finished meeting, was the feature of last evening's revival service at the Advent Christian church near the state armory on Grand street. The chorus, in charge of Mr. Ernest D. Brawner, of Nebraska, the talented singer, is doing splendid work, and an improvement is noticed every night. Rev. Albert L. Townsend, pastor of the High Street Baptist church of Lynn was among those present.

The meeting opened with a rousing service of song after which Pastor Shurtliff of the local church offered prayer. There was also an enthusiastic testimony service. Following the notices and another song by the chorus, Rev. Mr. Townsend of Lynn, read the scripture, following which he spoke brief words of cheer and encouragement, telling of the success of the Perry-Brawner meetings in Lynn, and saying—"If you people will only do your part this meeting will be a big success, for you may be sure Perry and Brawner will do theirs." Mr. Brawner then sang a solo, "I Walk With the King."

The evangelist took his text last evening from the words of the Apostle Paul, "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord." He pictured with eloquent pathos the sacrifices entailed when the great apostle turned his back upon the old life, old friends and the old faith, and became the poor and despised follower of Jesus of Nazareth. He showed how the knowledge of Christ was the deciding factor of Paul's wonderful life. "Paul," said the evangelist, "knew Jesus in an intimate way, as a friend, a brother, a helper, a comrade, and it is to that sort of knowledge that I urge you tonight, not the vacillating, thoughtless admiration of the multitude, but the very sincerest of friendships. Make friends with Jesus, learn Him, seek to understand, to know the love of Christ which surpasseth knowledge." He urged his hearers to leave the fringe of the admiring crowd and

enter the circle of those close to the Lord. When he finished Mr. Brawner renounced the Devil, "Are You in the Inner Circle?" Mr. Brawner promises a musical treat this evening when the evangelist takes as his subject, "The Quest of Happiness."

WILLIAM DEVINE AND HAGOP KLUJDIAN TAKE SPECIAL COURSES

William A. Devine, of 14 Newhall street, formerly employed by the Marion Studio and more recently by the United States Cartage Co., has gone to the Aero Photographer's school at Rochester, N. Y., where he will take a special course in photography.

Mr. Devine was a registrant of division three exemption board of this city and recently a special call for volunteers to take up this work was issued. Mr. Devine volunteered and his wide knowledge of the photography game helped in a great degree to his eventually being appointed.

Another registrant in division three has also volunteered for this special work. He is Hagop Kludjian, 209 Summer street. He will leave for Rochester tomorrow.

WOULD INCREASE THE SALARIES OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Efforts to add an amendment to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill providing for an increase of salaries of government employees prevented passage of the measure yesterday in the house. The amendment would increase by \$10 a month the salaries of all employees receiving between \$180 and \$2000, exclusive of those in the postal or Panama canal service or who give only a part of their time to the government. An increase for postal employees is provided in another bill.

OFFERS HOME FOR HOSPITAL

BOSTON, March 14.—Announcement that Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, prominent Massachusetts suffragist, had turned over to the Boston Equal Suffrage association the home of her parents in Dorchester to be equipped as a hospital for wounded American soldiers, was made at the annual meeting of the association here last night. The hospital will be known as the Lucy Stone Convalescent hospital and will be under the supervision of a board of five, of which Brig.-Gen. John A. Johnston, head of the Northeastern department, will be a member. Accommodations for 50 patients will be provided.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEMBERS OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH ATTEND FUNERAL

The following members of the Holy Name society of St. Patrick's church attended in a body the funeral of Mrs. Ellen Curtin, mother of Rev. J. A. Curtin of St. Patrick's church, which took place this morning in Cambridge; Timothy Rohan, president; William Pennington, vice president; John McElvermott, James O'Sullivan, John J. Sullivan and Jeremiah Ryan, Rev. Joseph A. Curtin is spiritual director of the Holy Name society.

DANCING PARTY FOR BOYS OF CO. K AT CAMP DEVENS

Mrs. Frederick A. Lamoureux and Mrs. John J. Rogan, two prominent members of the K. of C. guild have made arrangements for a dancing party for the boys of Company K at Camp Devens and the affair will be conducted Saturday evening. The two women have organized a party of 50 women, who will journey to the camp by special electric Saturday afternoon. In the afternoon the Lowell people will be the guests of the soldiers at luncheon and prior to the dancing party they will entertain the boys in khaki with instrumental and vocal selections.

TIBETANS HAVE REBELLED MARCH INTO SZECHUAN

PEKING, March 11.—Taking advantage of disorder in the province of Szechuan, the Tibetans have rebelled and are marching into Szechuan where they have captured several towns. The force is estimated at 10,000 and is armed with modern rifles.

Tibet is controlled virtually by the natives, who are a branch of the Mongol race. The Chinese government looking after foreign relations and maintaining small garrisons of Chinese troops. There is a regent appointed by the Chinese government, selected from the Lamas or religious leaders. In 1913 Tibet demanded complete autonomy and in October of that year was successful in fighting against the Chinese. A conference at Simla, India, in July, 1914, failed to agree on a convention representing China, Great Britain and Tibet and assuring the autonomy of Tibet. In January, 1917, Great Britain presented ten demands on China affecting Tibet, but these have not yet been agreed to.

The province of Szechuan has been overrun recently by bandits, against whom the Chinese troops have been able to make little headway.

GERMAN AIR RAID ON HARTLEPOOL

LONDON, March 14.—In last night's air raid one ship crossed the coast and dropped four bombs on Hartlepool. Six dwelling houses were demolished there and 30 were damaged. Five persons were killed and nine injured.

Hartlepool is a North sea port of 65,000 inhabitants in northern England.

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DILLON AWAITS RESULT OF IRISH CONVENTION

DUBLIN, March 14.—John Dillon, who succeeded John Redmond as leader of the Irish nationalists, said to the Associated Press yesterday that he did not think any statement of the Irish party



JOHN DILLON

policy could usefully be made until the result of the convention was made known. This, he trusted and believed, would be within a very few days.

Asks Freedom for Ireland

BOSTON, March 14.—The legislative committee on federal relations reported unanimously to the house of representatives yesterday in favor of a resolution calling upon congress to take steps to insure the freedom of Ireland being considered at the peace table. The resolution was introduced by Rep. John J. Donovan, democratic leader in the house of representatives.

In the hearing before the committee yesterday morning Rep. Donovan and Judge James Fallon of Pittsfield and others spoke in favor of the resolution. It provides that the legislature request congress to pass measures to insure that the right of Ireland to be free and independent shall be considered at any peace conference which may be held at the conclusion of the European war.

Noted Orator to Talk

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Congressman Peter Tague has secured the promise of Scott Ferris, one of the most eloquent democratic members of the present congress, to journey to Boston to answer to the toast "The United States of America" at the 191st anniversary of the Charitable Irish society to be held at the Hotel Somerset next Saturday evening.

Congressman Ferris represents the 22d district of Oklahoma, from which district he has been returned to congress for five consecutive terms, being re-elected during his last campaign by the largest plurality ever accorded a member of the house from that state.

PERSONNEL OF HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED AT TODAY CLASS MEETING

At a meeting of the graduating class of the high school held this afternoon after school in high school hall, President Paul J. Angelo announced the personnel of the various class committees as follows:

Social committee: Paul J. Angelo, chairman; Albert L. Bourgeois, Charles Keyes, Clarence Garvey, Walter Canoy, John McGlew, Paul Foley, James Keith, Richard Mahoney, Herbert Harris, Madeline O'Day, Marie Lench, Christine Mulcahy, Ruth Handley, Mildred Holmes, Bernice Moody, Gertrude Clark, Regina Lowmy, Bessie Keyes.

Pin and Ring committee: Maurice Conroy, chairman; John Cluin, Miles Dillion, Ian McKay, Walter Kierce, Edmund Harrison, John O'Brien, Paul Sullivan, Lillian Abbot, Richard O'Shea, Elsie Johnson, Florence Tomberg, Alice Connolly, Mary Latour, Mildred McNabb, Agnes Jeyes, Mary McGuire, Doris Howard, Doris Senior. Class Gift committee: Harold Ready, chairman; Donald Meloon, George Keefe, Francis McHugh, Maurice Hamling, Arnold Howard, Charles Clements, Maurice Barlofsky, Seth Hall, Mildred Holmes, Laura McIntire, Bertha Brerman, Doris Donovan, Jenny Catherwood, Annabelle Gordon, Mildred Tighe, Gladys McCloughrey, Agnes Donahue, Madeline Doran, Katharine Woodworth.

Motto committee: Allan K. McOsker, chairman; Lester E. Bailey, Donald Willard, Dexter Shaw, Walter Raymond, Albert Frawley, Raymond O'Brien, R. W. Rouse, Bridle, M. Sheridan, Mary Kelly, Mildred McGowan, Adith Lee, Elizabeth Kennedy, Belle Thomas, Bessie Hale, Helen Foy, Lillian Moran, Ruth Leavitt, Josephine Sullivan.

Celebration committee: William Barrett, chairman; Edward Brann, Gordon Forsberg, Harold Collins, Raymond Levalle, Donald McLean, Albert Porter, Walter Sturtevant, Raymond Holson, Hutchins Bennett, Margaret Wilcox, Dorothy Delaney, Lucille Russell, Lillian Moran, Catherine Fay, Irene Donnelly, Ethel Scott, Margaret Perley, Mary Leabey.

NEW DEAL FOR DUTCH BY ALLIES

THE HAGUE, March 14.—The foreign minister, Dr. Londen, presented to the states general yesterday a note explaining the position of the negotiations with the allies for an economic arrangement.

Allies Change Terms

The minister said that since the note was drafted he had received information of the allied government's desire to withdraw their promise to accept the Dutch condition that vessels sailing in the interest of the allied governments should not be employed in the danger zone.

The note states that America has agreed to furnish 100,000 tons of wheat to Holland before the conclusion of a definite arrangement on condition that the allies immediately places at the disposal of the allies half a million tons of shipping, as if definite arrangement already existed.

The Dutch government is inquiring as to whether it is possible to enter into such a transaction, and hopes speedily to arrive at a decision.

GERMAN PLOT TO SEIZE CANADA

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—Alleged plans of the German government to wrest Canada from England and the supposed escape of a group of German prisoners of war from Russia to Germany by way of the United States, were touched on here yesterday in the trial of 21 Hindus and other persons charged with conspiracy to overthrow British rule in India.

One of the defendants, Walter Sauerback, navigating officer of the German gunboat Geler, interned at Honolulu, denied any knowledge of the alleged move against Canada, and denied that he had assisted the German consulate here in any such plans. Franz Bopp, former German consul general here, and one of the defendants in the present trial, is under a two-year sentence for violation of American neutrality.

Testifying concerning the supposed escape of German prisoners, Sauerback said big groups of prisoners broke from their detention camps in Russia and returned to Germany by way of San Francisco and New York. To one of these escaped prisoners, he said, he entrusted a diary that he had kept on the Geler and which Captain Boy-Id, naval attaché at the German embassy at Washington had ordered forwarded to the archives of the Berlin government.

Sauerback denied any knowledge of a diary supposed to have been kept by Captain Grasshof, commander of the Geler. This diary, which is now said to be in the possession of the United States, is alleged to have revealed information that the Geler's wireless was used to carry messages for the German government after it was ordered dismantled by Washington.

THREE KILLED BY BURSTING SHELL

WASHINGTON, March 14.—A shell explosion on the U.S.S. Von Steuben, which killed three men, was announced yesterday by the navy department. The shell exploded while being fired. The dead are:

EMMETTE JOSEPH SHIELDS, seaman, Hannibal, Mo.
VALENTINE BRVIBYLSKI, fireman, Buffalo, N. Y.
EROLL WILLIAM MARTIN, mess attendant, Philadelphia.

The date of the explosion was not given, nor were there any details in the department's statement further than that the men were killed by fragments of a shell which burst while being fired. It was learned, however, that the explosion occurred while the armed guard of the ship was at target practice.

The Von Steuben, an army transport, formerly was the famous German raider Kronprinz Wilhelm, which was interned at Hampton Roads when she sought safety there after preying upon allied commerce.

ROMANIAN OIL FIELDS WILL BE CEDED, TERRITORIALY, TO HUNGARY

AMSTERDAM, March 13.—The Deutsch Tages Zeitung of Berlin prints a Vienna despatch to the effect that the Rumanian oil fields will

be ceded territorially to Hungary. They will be administered under a joint German-Austro-Hungarian, Rumanian and Bulgarian control board. The oil production will be divided in proportions to be settled later.

U.S. SOLDIERS INJURED IN PARIS RAID

PARIS, March 12.—A sergeant in the quartermaster's department of the American army, who was acting as a chauffeur for the department in Paris was injured slightly in last night's raid. In a certain hospital in the Paris district six persons were killed and seven injured by bombs dropped by the German airmen.

Just to keep his family together Charles F. Dorn of Milan, Tenn., took his two sons, Charles Jr. and Donald to Columbus, S. C., where all three enlisted in the 31th Field Artillery Queen Louise and Prince Valdemar to join another son, William.

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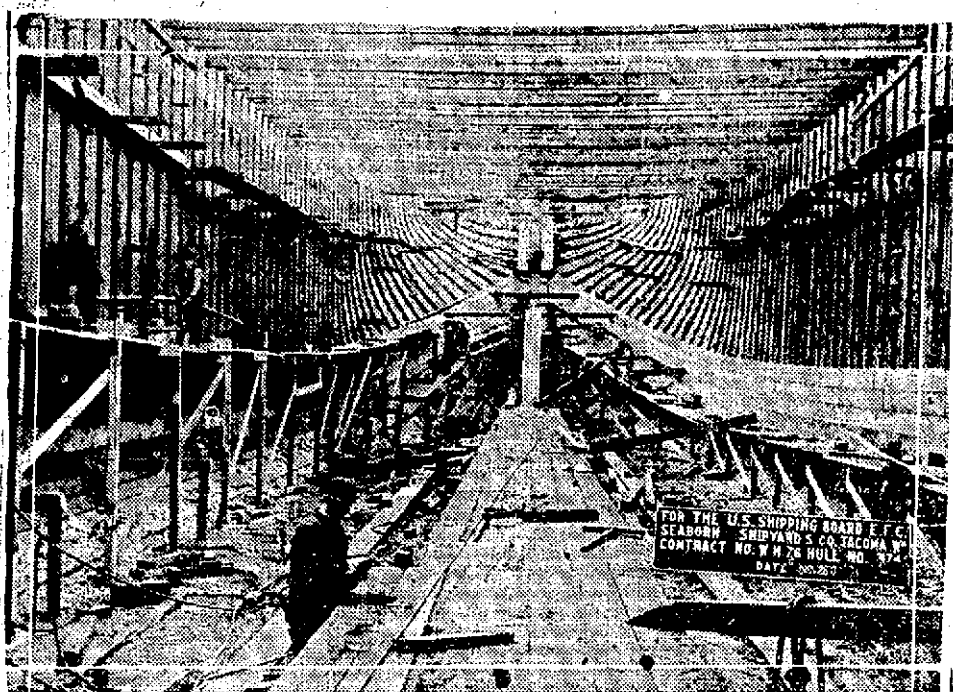
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The frame from the inside! You've seen many pictures of boats being built, with the ribs and keel-ends pointing to the sky; but this picture shows how a ship in construction looks from the inside. This is an official government picture from a Pacific coast shipyard.

In 1917 the German submarines sank an average of more than 16 British ships of 4500 tons each per week, or at least two per day. Neither England nor the United States has as yet speeded up the work of the shipyards to the point where they are turning out anything like two new ships per day.

Special to The Sun

WASHINGTON, March 13. — If America is disappointed in the amount of ship tonnage produced for the Emergency Fleet corporation in this crucial year of the war, the reason for it can be set down in four words—The Tragedy of Delay.

All through the tangled story of the attempt not only to win this war by creating a great armada of troop and supply ships, but to make of the United States once more a great mercantile maritime power, there appears the same fact of fatal loss of time where time was precisely the thing we could not afford to lose.

It really began back in December, 1914, when Woodrow Wilson asked that congress pass a bill creating a ship-building board to purchase, construct and operate merchant vessels in the foreign trade of the United States. Our necessity was manifest. The great war had started in August, 1914, and for our own safety and prosperity it seemed wise to have our own mercantile fleets.

But the bill was defeated by a notorious filibuster.

It was reintroduced in 1916, upon the insistence of Wilson and Secretary McAdoo and became law on September 7, 1916. But 23 precious months had already been lost.

How precious they were may be gauged by this. A member of President Wilson's cabinet recently said to your correspondent: "If the war situation becomes critical this summer because of lack of ships, it will be largely the fault of the men who engineered the filibuster of January, 1915."

Acting in accordance with the provisions of the new law, President Wilson sent in to the senate in December, 1916, the nominations of five men to constitute the shipbuilding board. They were not acted upon for nearly a month. However, on January 30, 1917, the board was organized by the election of William Denman of California as chairman. The Emergency Fleet

corporation, a subsidiary of the shipbuilding board, was also organized, General William Goethals being made general manager.

It should be explained that the fleet corporation is the body which lets the contracts and looks after the manufacture of ships. The shipbuilding board is the body which operates them after they are completed.

Denman and Goethals had hardly gotten into office when there began the famous controversy over a policy—whether wooden or steel ships or both should be built, and how many of each. Of course, some real work was done. Designs for wooden ships and steel ships were drawn up and adopted. Contracts for ship construction and for shipyard building were prepared. And in all arrangements were made for the building of 453 ships with a total tonnage of a little over two million.

The controversy between Denman and Goethals continued, however, until on July 24 last, when both resigned. This was followed by the resignation of two other shipping board members. All of which necessitated a complete change in the shipping board and the Emergency Fleet corporation officers.

E. N. Hurley became chairman of the former and president of the latter on July 27 last.

Goethals was succeeded by Admiral Capps, who was succeeded by Admiral Harris, who was succeeded by Charles Piez.

The serious part about these changes was that Goethals left with his approval contracts for 1,420,000 tons of ships worth \$100,000,000. Admiral Capps necessarily wanted to look over them, with the result that the contracts were not finally let until September, a loss of over a month's time in the best part of the year.

Under the Hurley regime the causes of delay have been as follows—labor troubles, congestion in railway movement, lack of material for wood ships, and shortage of workers due to the lack of proper housing facilities.

The delay due to labor troubles has been the least fatal. Thirty-seven companies had strikes in 84 plants, 61 were due to the wage question and 2 to working conditions. The operation of the wage adjustment board has served to reduce this trouble to a minimum.

The tie-up of freights in the severe winter weather of December and Jan-

uary this year caused a serious delay in the movement of material both for the steel and the wood ships.

The severe winter also delayed for many weeks the completion of big shipyards like the one at Hog Island, which had been counted on to produce 52 big steel ships this year.

The wooden ship program has been delayed by two things.

In the first place, the architects for the fleet corporation made changes both in the sizes of timbers required and also in the engines to be used. The desire was to make the ships stouter and safer. But in many cases the timber had been cut and the new specifications made them worthless. In the next place, the southern dealers in pine are accused of falling down in their deliveries, necessitating:

1.—That the Emergency Fleet corporation send its own loggers south to scout for big timbers.

2.—That millions of feet of big timbers be shipped all the way from the Pacific coast.

Had everything run smoothly, it is probable that over 500,000 men would now be at work building ships. Instead, according to the last figures General Manager Piez has, dated February 20, there were at work in the 122 shipbuilding yards 217,181 men; 20,759 were building wood ships; 145,396 were building steel ships; 44,695 were engaged in building the yards in which, at some future date, ships will be built. It is estimated that the average production of the shipbuilder is 20 tons per man per year. So that the loss is evident.

3.—The failure is really a huge disappointment can be seen from these facts:

1.—Secretary of War Baker recently told the senate committee on military affairs in secret session what ships were to be used to transport our armies to France.

2.—The administration has taken steps to cut down the amount of exports and imports. This is purely a tonnage saving device.

3.—The steps recently taken to use for trans-Atlantic traffic vessels hitherto engaged in coastwise and South American trade, substituting sailing vessels and Dutch merchantmen in their place.

4.—The attempted deal whereby Japan would lend us the Allies ships in return for American steel ship plates. MILTON BRONNER

the dough thoroughly and let it rise to twice its bulk. Knead again, mold in a loaf, let rise in pans and bake in moderate oven for 45 minutes.

VICTORY QUICK BREAD—Beat 3 eggs until very light and add to them 1 pint of milk, and 1 1/2 cups of cornmeal. Stir in 1 1/2 cups of cold boiled rice, 2 tablespoons of margarine or vegetable fat, 1 teaspoon of salt, and 1 teaspoon of baking powder. Beat the mixture hard and bake in a shallow pan in a hot oven.

LOYALTY LOAF—Mix together 1 cupful of graham flour and 1 cupful of rye meal, and add 1 1/2 cups of wheat flour. Sift into the flour 1 teaspoonful cream of tartar, 1 teaspoonful soda, and 1 teaspoonful of salt. Blend these dry ingredients thoroughly and then add 1 1/2 cups of molasses and 1 1/4 cups of sour milk. Beat 1 egg thoroughly and stir into the batter, add 2 tablespoons of melted vegetable fat and 1 1/2 cups of chopped raisins. Mix well and bake in greased bread pan.

BIDDY BYE.

BILL FOR FISHWAY

The senate committee on ways and means filed yesterday a favorable report on the bill of Senator Arthur W. Colburn of Dracut, authorizing the commission on waterways and public lands to expend a sum not exceeding \$15,000 in constructing suitable and sufficient fishways in the Merrimack river at Lowell and Lawrence. The bill provides that the expense shall be borne by the power companies using the river, unless it appears to the commission just and reasonable that the commonwealth should bear part of the expense, in which case they are authorized to expend the amount mentioned.

This particular bill is of great interest to Lowell and suburban sportsmen, and the Lowell Fish and Game association is responsible for the bill which has been and will be championed by legislators of this district. The author of the bill, Senator Arthur W. Colburn, is a member of the association.

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING TO INVESTIGATE THE FISH INDUSTRY

BOSTON, March 14.—The first public hearing of the special legislative committee appointed to investigate the fish industry in this state was held here today. The committee has opened offices at the state house, where it is receiving complaints. At the hearings testimony will be presented bearing on the reasons for high prices for fish and alleged unusual profits in the industry. Assistant Attorney General Charles W. Mulcahy has been appointed counsel for the committee.

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Elizabeth Doudican is her name. She is four-going-on-five and she lives at Fishers, Ind., where she attends every Red Cross knitting circle. Some of the men in service right now are wearing things she knitted.

LITTLE PETERKIN PRATTLES ON. (Continuation of Southern's Famous Poem.)

"But what good comes of it at last?" Quoth little Peterkin. The Kaiser stared and looked aghast. Then answered by a card: "What good? what good? why, don't you see It is a famous victory!"

"I used to dine on sweets and fruits And sausage cooked in lard. Now all my foods are substitutes Appropriated by a card." "Your hunger doesn't hurt," said he, "As long as I have victory."

"The blind, the crippled, the diseased, The millions who have died. Have not their sufferings appeased The Hohenzollern pride?" "But such little things must be That I should win MY victory!"

"The blind, the crippled, the diseased, The millions who have died. Have not their sufferings appeased The Hohenzollern pride?" "But such little things must be That I should win MY victory!"

"Our colonies are gone and none Are left us far or near. The place you promised in the sun We'll let us all rejoice," said he, "That Gott has given us victory."

"We once were proud of German trade Which brought the land delight; Now what we need, as German-made, Are blood and Schrecklichkeit." "And necessary not," said he, "To win a German victory."

"Our paper clothes are wet with blood, Our black bread wet with tears. Our German word is unimproved with mud. For years and years and years—" "I tell you it is victory!"

"We've used all forms of vice there We've murdered, and we've maimed, And through the world and wide and far Shall Germany be shamed." "Oh, yes, but shame is sweet," said he, "When it is mixed with victory."

"But what good comes?" again the wall Of little Peterkin. They took the Peterkin to jail. "Well, surely I must him in. "Rot there, du Schafkopf, till you see It is a famous victory!"

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SUFFRAGISTS PLAN TO FORCE EARLY ACTION

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The suffragists are about ready to force a showdown on the equal suffrage amendment resolution in the senate. Senator Calder of New York opened the debate for them yesterday and urged republican senators to support the proposition.

Senator Smoot said a canvass of the senate showed that more than three-fourths of the republicans and nearly two-thirds of the democrats will vote for it.

Here is the situation in a nutshell, as the leaders of the suffrage movement size up:

With every senator in his seat the suffragists count on 62 votes, two short of two-thirds.

The poll shows the following lineup: For the resolution—Ashurst, Nugent, Calder, Chamberlain, Colt, Cummins, Curtis, Fall, Fernald, France, Frelinghuysen, Gallinger, Gerry, Gifford, Gore, Granna, Henderson, Hitchcock, Hollis, Johnson of California, Johnson of South Dakota, Jones of New Mexico, Jones of Maryland, Kendrick, Kenyon, King, Kirby, La Follette, Lewis, McPherson, McKellar, McNary, Myers, Nelson, New, Norris, Owen, Page, Phelan, Pittman, Poindexter, Randall, Robinson, Shafroth, Shepley, Sherman, Smith of Arizona, Smith of Michigan, Smith of Sterling, Stone, Southernland, Thomas, Thompson, Townsend, Walsh, Warren, Watson—53.

Opposing the amendment—Senators Bankhead, Borah, Brandegee, Brown, Cullerson, Dillingham, Hale, Harding, Hawdick, Knox, Lodge, McLean, Martin, Overman, Penrose, Pomeroy, Reed, Sulzberger, Shields, Simmons, Smith of Georgia, Smith of Maryland, Smith of South Carolina, Swann, Tamm, Underwood, Vardaman, Wadsworth, Weeks, Williams and Walcott—31.

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BY LEOPOLD GODOWSKY

Most people marry. Most people who marry have children.

Most people who have children want to advance and develop them in order that the children may live a higher life than the parents lived.

Most people who wish thus to put their children ahead realize that music is

Senators Fletcher, James, Kellogg, Trammell, Beckham, Baird—6. One vacancy, from Wisconsin.

Senator Lodge Opposed

WORCESTER, March 14.—In a letter addressed to the Women's foreign Missionary society of Quinsigamond Methodist church, received yesterday, in reply to a message sent him Feb. 11 asking his support for the Susan B. Anthony amendment, Senator Cabot Lodge emphatically declared himself

is a great uplifting and educational force—perhaps the greatest.

Now, my problem is this: What can I do in these few words to start these millions of admirable families on the right track and map out a course for their guidance? For the musical advancement of this country is now the work nearest my heart.

Let us first realize that all the great system we have built up to care for our physical needs—our railroads, factories, mines, cities, our houses, skyscrapers and paved streets—has been built up to care for our bodily existence for only one reason; namely, that in those bodies our minds and spiritual natures may grow and be refined.

And if this physical well-being does not result in this mental and spiritual growth, then all the works of man which you see about you are wasted, and might as well be swept into the sea.

The second place let us realize that music is at least the most direct and forceful—if indeed it is not in all respects the greatest—means whereby one man's mind and soul communicates with his fellows.

To understand the message of music a man does not need to have a trained mind, as he does to appreciate the finest poetry, nor a trained observation, as he does to get the most out of wonderful paintings, nor a trained reason as he does to understand science—but only an ear. Any human being that can hear can be thrilled and developed by music. It speaks direct from soul to soul, without any intervening machinery.

So much for the inner development as the first aim in life, and so much for music as the first medium of inner

opposed to woman suffrage. His reply reads:

"I have received your letter and have read what you say in favor of the so-called Anthony amendment. As a result of careful study of the problem I am opposed to woman suffrage, and in view of this fact, it will be impossible for me to support a constitutional amendment with this object."

Assuming the track is level, and a freight train weighing 2000 tons going 20 miles an hour and then bring it again to the same rate of speed costs the railway company 61 cents, is the statement of E. W. Green. The coal costs 81 cents, labor 10 cents and the wear and tear on machinery 20 cents.

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To lead the Kitchen Army, Soldier Sammy himself put his hands in the Liberty Mixing bowl and stirred up a batch of Victory Bread.

Wheatless Mondays and Wednesdays are all very well—highly commendable and proper, in fact—but any housekeeper with a patriotic conscience can see with the proverbial "half an eye" that victory bread is a better wheat savor than wheatless day.

Victory bread, in general, is any bread the ingredients of which are at least 1-8 wheat substitutes, and as much larger proportion as palatability will permit.

Let's begin by making victory bread our daily bread. Here are four victory bread recipes:

VICTORY BREAD—Mix together 1 cupful of yellow cornmeal, 2 cupfuls of wheat flour, 1 cupful of well cooked oatmeal, and 1 cupful of mashed potatoes which have been rubbed through

a sieve to remove lumps. Into this mixture stir 1 1/2 cupfuls of warm water in which is dissolved 1 cake of compressed yeast. Knead the bread until air bubbles appear and then set in a warm place to rise until double in bulk. Knead again, again allow it to double in bulk, knead a third time and mold in loaves. When it rises to top of pans bake the same as wheat bread.

PERFECT, FOR ALL FOREVER BREAD—Dissolve a cake of compressed yeast in 1 1/2 cupfuls of warm water and milk and add 1 teaspoonful of salt. Place the yeast mixture in a bowl and add to it 1 teaspoonful of melted fat, and 1 teaspoonful of sugar. Sift into the liquid 2 1/2 cupfuls of wheat flour and 2 1/2 cupfuls of rye flour. Knead

RECALLS GEN. BEN BUTLER'S POLICY

Gen. Johnson Discusses U. S. Attitude Toward the Russian Situation

Those Opposed to Intervention by Japan Took Pro-German Stand on Other Issues

BOSTON, March 14.—"It is significant that all the forces in this country opposed to sending Japanese troops into Russia are those that took a pro-German or anti-British stand on other issues," Brig. Gen. John A. Johnston, commander of the department of the northeast, said today in a statement on the American attitude toward the Russian situation. "Of course," he continued, "there are other considerations to be taken into account, but that these forces are opposed to it is, one good reason in my mind, why we should be in favor of it. Gen. Ben Butler, when conducting negotiations with the British used to say: 'If they want it, we don't want it. If they don't want it, we do.'"

"It is a delicate situation. Russia is our friend and if the allies go into Russia we should make it clear that it is not to fight Germany there, but to protect our property and our friends. Lieut. Col. William V. Judson, who has just returned from Russia, told me that he had talked with many of the more intelligent Russians of all parties and that without exception they feared Japanese intervention because of the possibility it might crystallize public opinion in favor of the Germans."

RELIEF OF FIREMEN AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

BOSTON, March 14.—Representative Dennis A. Murphy of Lowell has succeeded in convincing a conference committee representing the senate that the upper branch should recede from the position it had taken on the bill providing for the relief of firemen and their dependents. The house passed a bill providing that the sum of \$18,000 may be spent each year for the purpose, and the senate changed the word "may" to "shall," thus compelling the commission in charge of the matter to expend that amount whether there was need for it or not. The matter was finally sent to a conference committee, on which Representative Murphy was one of the members from the house, and its report that the senate should recede has been accepted by both branches.

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RECOMMENDS STUDY OF SCHOOL SITUATION

At a meeting of the public school teachers held in the high school ball room yesterday afternoon Supt. Hugh J. Molloy delivered a brief address in the course of which he proposed that a capable and active committee be appointed for research and enlightenment to take up the study of the school situation and place their findings before the people of Lowell in such a manner that they will be sure to read them. The superintendent's address was a result of the recent convention of school superintendents held at Atlantic City. His address was in part as follows:

After long and careful consideration of the subject, I have come to the conclusion that we owe it to ourselves as teachers, that we owe it to men and women of Lowell who are for the most part really interested in all that makes for the high character and reputation of the city and the welfare of its children who are its dearest possession, to enter upon and carry through with our best intelligence and energy a study of school expenditures, school opportunities and school needs in the nation, the state, and the city, to the end that the true situation may be set clearly in the minds of those whom we are employed to serve.

The war which now convulses the world has brought home to the minds of men in a most emphatic manner the debt which democracy in America owes to the great system of free public schools, and the great problems and frightful peril of the war have convinced thinking men all over the world that even greater demands must be made upon these schools in the future. It is a time for enlarging the

PEEL OFF CALLUSES WITH THE FINGERS

"Hard skin" or callus spots on the sides or the bottom of the feet peel right off without pain or soreness, after you apply a little Frezzone, says a Cincinnati authority. This rubbery substance loosens the dead callused skin so it peels off with the fingers.

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LOWELL GIRL NAMED AS IDEAL FIGHTING WEATHER

Special to The Sun
STATE HOUSE, Boston, March 14.—Governor McCall has approved the selection of Mary L. Riordan of 27 Woodward avenue, Lowell, as one of the nurses who is to receive a commission as second lieutenant in the Massachusetts State Guard, and who as a result of their selection will be liable to be called for duty "in case of a disaster causing serious injuries to large numbers of people." The selections were made by a committee of nurses, acting under the supervision of Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer, chairman of the woman's committee of the Council of National De-



MISS MARY L. RIORDAN

lense, Maj. Gen. Butler Ames and Surgeon General William H. Brooks of the State Guard. Commenting on his approval of the 35 nurses selected, Governor McCall said last night:

"These nurses, having applied in consequence of the newspaper items, and having met the requirements of the committee, representative of their profession, have been selected from all parts of the state, and are believed to be excellently qualified to discharge the duties of the office to which appointments is a direct outcome of the establishment of the Emergency Commonwealth hospital, and the nurses named only be called upon and paid for service in case of a disaster causing serious injuries to large numbers of people. Since such a disaster cannot be foreseen, obviously the nurses for such a possible emergency should be selected in advance. The requirements as prescribed by the nurses' committee included the provision that each applicant must be a bona fide citizen of this country; that the applicant must not be over 30 years of age; have at least a common school education; be registered by Massachusetts or some other state; have received training if not born in Massachusetts; have graduated from a school for nurses which prescribes at least two years' instruction; and including adequate experience in the science and art of nursing. In addition to these requirements it was thought best by the committee to follow the well established rule of the Red Cross and exclude married women from consideration for this work."

HOYT.

SMILEAGE CAMPAIGN

Lowell's smileage campaign was somewhat hindered by the unpleasant weather today but the workers under the direction of Miss Beatrice Jennison stuck to their tasks. Next Saturday will be the big day of the campaign when the Boy Scouts and Camp Girls will do their bit to push along the sale of soldiers' theatre tickets in the downtown stores.

The Campfire Girls will be in charge of booths in the stores, a guardian and two girls from each group of the organization having charge of one booth. The Boy Scouts will distribute literature on Saturday at the mill gates in the interest of the drive.

WAGON BUMPS AUTO

A wagon belonging to the American Express Co. crashed into an automobile at the Middlesex street station about 10:30 o'clock this morning but fortunately no serious damage was done. The operator of the machine had brought his car to a standstill when the driver of the express wagon took a short turn from Middlesex street and locked wheels with the automobile. One of the front mudguards and bumper were twisted. The wagon escaped injury. The automobile, a Buick, in the collision is owned by Morse & Beals, florists on Merrimack street.

WOMAN CALLS ON SILENT STRANGER IN LEWISTON JAIL

LEWISTON, Me., March 14.—A mysterious woman yesterday made her appearance at the Androscoggin county jail and sought permission for a conversation with the silent stranger now awaiting trial on charges of violating the election laws and serving a 90-day sentence for contempt.

Sheriff Stevens refused to grant the requested privilege, and the woman went away without making known her identity, but it was learned she came here from Lisbon Falls.

Chief Field of the Lewiston police is still hard at work on the case under the direction of the commissioners, Dr. A. W. Anthony, Ralph W. Crockett and F. N. Marcotte. None of the three admits theorizing on the identity of the stranger, or the real purpose of his visit here.

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IDEAL FIGHTING WEATHER

British and German Armies Wait Signal for Big Battle in West

Thunderous Artillery Duels—British Destroy 39 Airplanes—Down 40 Others

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, March 14.—(By the Associated Press)—This has been another day of ideal fighting weather but there has been no change in the situation. The British and German military machines—tuned up to the finest pitch and probably as nearly perfect as it is possible to make them—are still awaiting the signal which will send them crashing against each other.

Thunderous Duels

Meanwhile the artillery pounds away in thunderous duels at various points and myriad armies are busy bombing, photographing and acting as eyes for the respective armies.

British airmen have been doing marvellous work recently. The first ten days of March as a whole have been among the best yet recorded for the service. During that period, in addition to a vast amount of reconnaissance and photographing, the intrepid Britishers destroyed 39 German airplanes and brought down 40 others out of control, despite the fact that the first two or three days of the month were so stormy that aerial activity was virtually impossible. Against this great total, 15 British machines are reported missing.

Yesterday another fine record was made but the official figures are not yet available.

Air Battles Behind German Lines

There have been many air battles and virtually all have occurred behind the German lines which means that the British airmen have been carrying the aerial war vigorously into the enemy territory. Of the German machines destroyed, all but two were sent crashing down back of the German lines. The amount of photographic work that has been done is amazing and a large number of the pictures were taken at close quarters.

Bombing raids by British aviators have been almost continuous. One of the most successful expeditions was that carried out against three enemy aerodromes on March 3, during the day. A British aerial fleet arrived at an hour when numbers of German machines about to start were standing in a field near their hangars. The British attacked at a height of 400 feet and because of their low altitude, were able to shoot with disastrous effect.

General buildings were set on fire and direct hits were observed among the German machines.

British Aviators Successful

The British returned, flying at a height of a hundred feet, which just enabled them to clear the tree tops. They used their guns on every military object in sight. The first attack was made on a horse transport. Some of the horses were killed and the rest stampeded, upsetting the wagons. Another horse transport was stampeded and a detachment of marching infantry came to a halt on fire and the soldiers were shot before they could reach cover. Equally effective was the shooting against some cavalry, two officers being among those toppled from their saddles.

All the British machines returned safely. As a matter of fact they were not attacked by the enemy at all.

TRANSPORT OFFICER PLACED ON TRIAL ON CHARGE OF ESPIONAGE

BALTIMORE, Md., March 13.—Edward Otis, 23 years old, a former quartermaster on an American transport, was yesterday placed on trial before Judge John C. Rose and a jury in the federal district court here, charged with espionage. Otis, who claims to be a native of Riga, Russia, is accused of having tampered with the unavailing instruments of the transport while the ship was in the war danger zone.

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INCENDIARY FIRE

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ENGINEERS' MEETING

The regular meeting of Local 352, Steam and Operating Engineers was held last evening at 26 Central street with President John H. Smith in the chair. Routine business was transacted and exception was taken to the statements issued regarding the wage question of the engineers employed in the water department and it was emphatically denied that the engineers received any increase in wages since Jan. 1. It was also stated that the state-wide minimum scale for chief engineers is \$35 a week, while operating engineers are paid \$30. The local scale for chief engineers is \$31.80 and that for operating engineers, \$27.

GERMAN PLOTTERS BUSY IN TEXAS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 14.—The circulation of false reports among farmers by German propagandists threatens to curtail the planting of castor beans, useful in the production of suitable lubricant for airplane motors.

The San Antonio chamber of commerce, which contracted to assemble 5000 acres of land and deliver 200,000 bushels of castor beans at the agreed price of \$3.50 a bushel, announced yesterday that the farmers have been informed the castor bean grows on a vine which saps the strength of the soil.

An investigation will be made as to the source of the report.

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WAGE INCREASE GRANTED BY LOWELL MILLS

Notices were posted in seven large cotton-mills of this city at 3 o'clock this afternoon to the effect that an increase in wages will go into effect April 1. The amount of the increase is not stated. One of the local mill agents said this afternoon that the increase will affect the thousands of employees in the Massachusetts, Merrimack, Boot, Hamilton, Appleton and Tremont & Suffolk cotton mills and the Lawrence Mfg. Co. He said the increase will not be on a percentage basis, but will be a flat increase for all the employees of the mills. It is believed that the increase will be about three cents an hour or \$1.62 a week.

During the past two years the employees of the local mills have been granted several increases, aggregating about 62 2/3 per cent, not counting the increase that will go into effect April 1. It is understood that a meeting of the mill officials will be held to decide upon the amount of the increase referred to in the notices reported this afternoon.

Woolen Co. today announced a 10 per cent increase in wages for its 30,000 employees in New England and New York, effective March 25.

This is the third increase by the company in a year, a graduated advance averaging 7 per cent having been granted on April 30, 1917, and a 10 per cent raise on Oct. 8. The company operates 60 mills, many of which are engaged on government work. The largest of these are located at Lawrence, where more than 15,000 hands are employed.

LAWRENCE, March 14.—Official announcement of a wage increase of 10 per cent at the American Woolen Co. mills was made today, the raise to go into effect March 25.

The Pacific, Arlington, Everett and Knappton mills also announced similar wage increases to go into effect on the same date.

The Pemberton, Lawrence Duck Co. Monmouth mills of this city and the Brightwood Manufacturing Co. of New Bedford also announce similar wage increases today.

30,000 to Get Increase
BOSTON, March 14.—The American

SEC. BAKER BUSY IN PARIS

PARIS, March 12.—Newton D. Baker, the American secretary of war, was kept busy today attending conferences in the forenoon he conferred with Arthur J. Balfour, the British foreign secretary, and Gen. Foch. He lunched with Generals Pershing and Bliss, his brother, Henry Baker, and a few other guests.

In the afternoon he conferred with J. R. Kearney of the public information service and visited the headquarters of the American Red Cross as the guest of Maj. Robert P. Perkins, head of the Red Cross mission in Europe. Afterward he called on former Premier Viviani at his home and then saw Foreign Minister Pichon at the foreign office. He also conferred with Oscar T. Crosby, representative of the American treasury department.

AMERICAN GIRL KILLED IN PARIS AIR RAID

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, L. I., March 14.—Among the victims of the latest air raid in Paris was Miss Winona C. Martin of this village, a Y.M.C.A. canteen worker, according to a report received here today. She was 28 years old and was formerly librarian of the Carnegie library here. She left for France a few weeks ago.

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HOSPITAL SHIP ATTACKED

LONDON, March 14.—The hospital ship Guilford Castle was attacked successfully by a submarine in the Bristol channel on March 10. It was announced officially today.

Two torpedoes were fired at the Guilford Castle, the first missing and the second hitting the vessel's bow. Although badly damaged, she was able to reach port. There were many sick and wounded on board who were transferred to a hospital.

The statement follows:

"The British hospital ship Guilford Castle, Capt. Thomas R. Lang, R.N.R., homeward bound, was unsuccessfully attacked by an enemy submarine at the entrance to the Bristol channel at 5.35 p. m. on March 10. She was flying Red Cross flags and had all the hospital lights on."

This is the second submarine attack on British hospital ships recently. A fortnight ago the Glenart Castle was sunk in the Bristol channel, about 150 lives being lost.

The Guilford Castle is a steamship of 8038 tons gross.

WILL INCREASE MEAT EXPORTS TO ALLIES

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Meat exports to the allies will be increased 50 per cent, and perhaps doubled shortly under arrangements being negotiated by the food administration with the allied food representatives here.

The purpose is to build up the allied meat reserves from the great surplus which has been accumulated in this country and which recently brought a relaxation of restrictions on meat consumption. The allies would furnish all the ships for moving the meat.

The increased exports are dependent on the shipping procurable but it is understood Great Britain expects to find the vessels. News from London of the imminent requisitioning of Dutch shipping encouraged the belief of officials today that arrangements for the increased export might be regarded as certain.

"America's meat storage warehouses are filled, according to recent statements of the food administrator, and the available supplies will be increased greatly before May 1 by the slaughter of hogs and cattle backed up on the farms by the failure of transportation."

SCORES DRIVEN FROM HOMES BY FLOOD

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 14.—Scores of families were driven from their homes and all industries in Hornell were paralyzed by a flood due to a cloudburst that swept down the valley of the Canisteo early today inundating one-third of the city.

The entire factory district was flooded and many buildings were damaged. Firemen and policemen worked hours in boats rescuing residents from their flooded homes. So far as is known no lives have been lost. The Erie and Shawmut railroad tracks were under water and no trains moved.

The flood extended 40 miles down the Canisteo river valley almost to Corning. Rain continued late this morning. Soon after the storm broke the girls in the Hornell Telephone exchange sent warnings to persons living in the danger districts.

ALEXIS SAVIGNAC DEAD
Alexis Savignac, aged 63 years, 10 months and 24 days, died this afternoon at his home, 236 West Sixth st. He leaves his wife, three sons, Omer and Joseph of this city and Maise in Maine; a daughter, Mrs. Simon Vendette; two grandchildren, two brothers, Norbert of this city and Anselme in Canada and a sister, Mrs. Henrietta Joly of Canada.

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Rear Lines

Increased Fighting on West-
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British On Two Fronts

Favorable weather on most of the western front has led to increased fighting, but none of the armies has yet made an attack in great strength. All apparently are keyed up to the highest pitch and the raids into opposing trenches are becoming stronger each day.

Americans Continue Activity
In the Champagne where the German artillery has been very active, the French have withstood a German attack with severe losses to the attackers. American raiding parties and American gunners both are busy on the sectors northwest of Toul and east of Lunelville. The Germans do not re-

BRITISH VICTORY IN AIR BATTLE

LONDON, March 14.—Two British seaplanes on Tuesday engaged five enemy aircraft over the North sea, destroying one seaplane and downing another it is announced officially. Both the British planes returned. The text of the announcement reads:

"On Tuesday two British seaplanes attacked five enemy aircraft in the southern part of the North sea. The engagement lasted 30 minutes. One enemy two-seater was shot down and destroyed, the observer of a second machine was killed and a third seaplane was driven down on the water."

"The engagement terminated when the British seaplanes had expended all their ammunition. Both the machines returned safely."

The following official statement was issued:

"Only one airship crossed the coast last night. It dropped four bombs on Hartlepool. The raider, which was operating at a great altitude only remained overhead a few minutes and the remainder of its bombs appear to have fallen into the sea."

"Six dwelling houses were demolished and about 30 damaged. The latest police reports state that the following casualties occurred:

"Killed, one man, one woman, three children; injured, three men, one woman, five children."

French Down Four Airplanes

PARIS, March 13.—French aviators have accounted for four enemy machines, according to a statement from the war office tonight, which also reports a successful Belgian forward movement. The Belgian troops entered the enemy trenches southeast of Loubaertzyde. After killing the occupants of the trenches in the first line and moving forward they checked a violent counter attack in hand to hand fighting. The enemy then retired to his second line.

FURIOUS BATTLE IN UKRAINE

AMSTERDAM, March 13.—There has been an intensification of the fighting in the Ukraine, where Maximilists are being reinforced by Czech and Austrian deserters, according to a Berlin despatch to the Rheinische Westfalische Zeitung.

The Germans, the despatch adds, have been frequently engaged in furious battles with bodies of such men and when they fall into German hands they are shot.

U. S. SAILORS GAVE LIVES TO SAVE OTHERS

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Secretary Daniels has written complimentary letters to the mothers of Charles E. Bourke, Worcester, Mass., and Martin O'Callahan, Columbus, O. water tenders in the navy, who lost their lives in an attempt to put out a fire recently on the U.S.S. Burrows.

Secretary Daniels wrote the mothers that their sons set a "high example of devotion to duty, and showed extraordinary heroism," that their shipmates

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Discipline" In Army

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Further indications that Leon Trotzky, the former Russian foreign minister, will oppose ratification by the soviet congress of Germany's peace terms and that he will advocate reorganization and use of the army in defending Russia, are contained in a despatch to the state department today from Ambassador Francis at Volodga.

The ambassador reported a conversation that Trotzky had with someone as late as March 11, in which he said he considered war unavoidable and advocated an "iron discipline" for the army. The ambassador added that this might or might not be significant. The former foreign minister expressed great interest in the report that Siberia was about to be invaded by Japan, either in conjunction with the armies of other powers or alone, and appeared somewhat sensitive regarding it.

PRaise FOR U.S. GUARDSMEN

Rainbow Division Made Up
of National Guardsmen
Repulsed Germans

Commander Personally Con-
gratulated by Gen. Gerard
of French Army

WASHINGTON, March 14.—American troops that repulsed the German raid of March 5 were from the Forty-second, or Rainbow division, which is made up of national guardsmen, Gen. Pershing reported today.

The commander of the American division was personally congratulated by Gen. Gerard, commander of the Eighth French army for the manner in which the Americans conducted themselves.

Gen. Pershing's message as given out by the war department follows:

Summary of activities on Forty-second, (Rainbow) division front night of fourth and fifth of March. Enemy attempted trench raid early morning, March 4. Raid was repulsed with losses to the enemy. Our losses reported light, no missing or prisoners. General Gerard, commanding eighth French army congratulated division commander on way in which the troops repulsed raid."

RAILROAD BILL UP TO WILSON

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Congress finally disposed of the railroad control bill today when the house agreed to the conference report adopted by the senate yesterday. The bill now goes to the president.

GEN. WEIGEL ORDERED TO CAMP HANCOCK

AYER, March 14.—Brig.-Gen. Weigel, who served as division commander at Camp Devens during the recent absence of Maj. Gen. Harry F. Hodges, today was ordered to Camp Hancock, Ga., to command the 25th infantry brigade. Lieut. Harry Burnett of Southboro, Gen. Weigel's aide, will accompany him.

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MINER-DOYLE ORCHESTRA
ADMISSION 25c

U. S. and Great Britain Present Formal Notice to Holland

To Seize Ships if Agree-
ment is Not Accepted
by March 18

WASHINGTON, March 14.—After months of delay and unsuccessful negotiations with The Netherlands government, the United States and Great Britain have decided to take over on March 18 for allied use all Dutch ships in allied ports unless the Netherlands government accepts an agreement to that purport before that time.

Will Add Millions Tons
This will bring practically a million tons of ships to the aid of the allies at a time when they are sorely needed.

The Netherlands minister, Augustus Phillips, had an engagement with President Wilson today and it was expected he would present from his government a final request that the action be delayed or at least modified.

There are no indications, however, that the allied governments will recede from their decision. In fact a final communication is understood already to have been presented at The Hague by the British and American diplomatic representatives.

Liberal Compensation
In addition to being recompensed for the loss of any of the ships, the Dutch are to receive liberal compensations in export privileges of breadstuffs which they need badly.

German pressure is expected to deter the Netherlands government from accepting the agreement that allies propose and the taking over of the ships under international law is looked upon as a logical solution and not entirely an unfortunate one for Holland.

Officials and diplomats here have no fears that the taking over of the ships will force Holland into the war, as has been predicted in some quarters. They are certain that Holland will continue her policy of neutrality.

LONDON, March 14.—Because of the long delays in the negotiations with Holland over Dutch ships in allied ports and the slowness of the Dutch government to act in this respect, Great Britain and the United States have reached an agreement to end the negotiations and take over such ships next week for the use of the allies.

Every precaution will be taken to safeguard the rights of the owners. The ships will be replaced at the earliest possible time after the war.

The amount of tonnage made available to the allies through the Dutch arrangement is 1,000,000 tons of which seventy per cent is in the United States, 15 per cent in British ports and 15 per cent in other allied ports.

A similar arrangement already made in the case of Norway is working satisfactorily to the Norwegian owners and shipping interests.

The allied decision finds a legal basis in the law of war, or the law covering the forcible seizure of a ship for public use, under which a belligerent nation may use neutral tonnage if adequate compensation is paid. The Germans exercised this right on British vessels in the Franco-Prussian war.

As regards Dutch ships in other than ports in Great Britain and the United States it is believed the arrangement included a number of such vessels in far eastern ports. A telegram from The Hague yesterday stated that the Dutch foreign office had learned that clearance had been refused to several Dutch vessels at Singapore.

The negotiations with Holland have been in progress for many months, and it was expected an arrangement would be reached last Christmas. The Germans, however, were continually bringing pressure to bear upon Holland, and the delay in reaching an agreement operated continuously to the advantage of Germany and to the disadvantage of the allies.

Realizing the difficult position of Holland, the allies decided to force an immediate settlement.

While Germany has been obstructing the employment of Dutch tonnage by the allies, she has been enjoying the use of Dutch barge tonnage on the German canals to an amount greater than the ocean-going tonnage which the allies will secure under the new arrangement.

REINFORCED CONCRETE SHIP LAUNCHED

A PACIFIC PORT, March 14.—The launching of the steamship Faith, the first reinforced concrete ocean-going vessel built in the United States, attracted thousands of spectators here today.

The vessel is 320 feet long and will carry 5000 tons of cargo.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Plans by which the seven newly organized bureaus of the department of labor are expected to handle all labor problems affecting the war program were outlined by Secretary Wilson today.

Each bureau will co-operate directly with the war and navy departments and the shipping board, and all difficulties arising in these departments will be referred to one of the seven bureaus.

Charts on the progress of all construction work will be kept by the army, navy and shipping board and any delay due to labor difficulties will be shown in reports to the labor department, to be referred to the proper bureau.

The labor department expects with this system to reduce to a minimum all delays in the war program for which labor might be held responsible.

CARDINAL FARLEY AT MASS FOR REDMOND

NEW YORK, March 14.—Cardinal Farley pontificated at a high mass of requiem for John B. Redmond in St. Patrick's cathedral today. Mgr. M. J. Lavelle, who preached the sermon, said Mr. Redmond's fame would rest in his history chiefly because of his achievements in behalf of the old age pensions, the Irish land purchase and home rule bills. Among those present were Dr. J. B. Power, son-in-law of Mr. Redmond; Lord and Lady Aberdeen and T. P. O'Connor.

ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP HOG ISLAND YARDS

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Enough dynamite to blow up half the shipyard at Hog Island has been found here during February, Dudley R. Kennedy, manager of the industrial relations department, told the senate investigating committee today, and secret service men have been unable to find who placed it there.

The testimony was brought out by Senator Nelson of Minnesota, who asked Kennedy whether the American International corporation had had any difficulty with spies.

"I hesitate somewhat to make the statement at a public hearing," said Kennedy, "but the fact is we found 246 pounds of dynamite on the grounds

MINIMUM WAGE OF \$25 ASKED BY BARTENDERS

The local bartenders are out for a minimum wage of \$25 per week and unless it is granted there is talk of a strike being declared in this city. The present minimum wage is \$18 a week and the Lowell Liquor Dealers' association has agreed to increase the minimum to \$21 a week but this is not satisfactory to the clerks. A meeting of the dealers' association was held in Elks' hall this afternoon for the purpose of discussing the question.

The local bartenders are members of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders' International League of America and the agreement between the clerks and dealers that the minimum wage be \$18 a week, expired on the first of this month.

Last Friday a delegation of bartenders met a committee from the dealers' association and submitted the proposition for the minimum wage of \$25, but the committee stated that it did not have the power to act in the matter and as a result a meeting of the dealers was called for this afternoon and the majority of those engaged in the liquor business were in attendance.

The bartenders contend that with the rule of "no treating, no treating" the proprietors are making a big saving and that they should increase wages accordingly, inasmuch as the bartender is the man who enforces the rule. They estimate that the profits of the dealers are increased from 20 to 30 per cent since the treating was eliminated. They also declare that the high cost of living warrants their request. The dealers on the other hand state that owing to the many taxes imposed by the state, city and federal authorities that the margin of profit is very small at the present time. In answer to that the clerks state that the consumer and not the proprietor of a saloon is paying that for in many places the sale of the glasses have been reduced and all liquors have increased in price to the consumer anywhere from 25 to 50 and in some cases 100 per cent.

TRIPLE LAUNCHING ON THE PACIFIC COAST

OAKLAND, CALIF., March 14.—The first triple launching on the Pacific coast took place today when three 9100-ton steel merchantmen slid into the waters of Oakland harbor. They were the steamships Shintaka, Aniva and Oakland, each 425 feet long.

They are the product of 4000 men working day and night in 8-hour shifts. The keels of the Shintaka and the Aniva were laid Nov. 15, and that of the Oakland Nov. 12. When the vessels were put into the water, the work was 30 days ahead of schedule. Delivery to the government probably will be made from forty to forty-nine days ahead of schedule.

The government calls for the delivery of the Shintaka and the Oakland May 5, and the Aniva May 12. The vessels will have turbine engines and will make 11 knots an hour.

DELAWARE HOUSE IN FAVOR OF PROHIBITION

DOVER, Del., March 14.—The Delaware house of representatives today adopted a resolution ratifying the federal prohibition amendment by a vote of 57 to 5.

The measure now goes to the senate.

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last month. That amount, intelligent placed, would have been enough to blow up one-half the yard. Twenty pounds were found in one place, the remainder being hidden in different parts of the yard."

Kennedy, who is on the government pay roll at \$12,000 a year, told the committee his profession was that of an industrial engineer. Replying to Senator Nelson, Kennedy said "an industrial engineer is one who makes a study of labor and communicates to labor and capital the aims and purposes of each."

Kennedy's testimony was largely in justification of the large expenditures of government money at the Hog Island ship yards.

70 AMERICANS ON CASUALTY LIST

WASHINGTON, March 14.—General Pershing's casualty list cabled today carries the names of 70 soldiers, four of them killed in action, two dead of wounds, one dead of an accident and nine of disease; 14 wounded severely and 40 slightly wounded.

The list gives the names of two officers, both of whom were reported slightly wounded. They are Capt. Hugh H. Barber and Lieut. Harris B. Smith. Lieut. Bernard Van Hof was reported severely wounded.

FAVOR EXTRA PAY FOR AVIATION SERVICE

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Legislation to repeal laws giving extra pay allowance averaging 50 per cent to men in the aviation service, recommended by Gen. Pershing and Secretary Baker, was unanimously disapproved today by the senate military committee. A clause in the omnibus bill amending the national defense act providing for repeal of the allowances was stricken out.

TENANT WHO REFUSED TO VACATE TO PROVIDE WAR QUARTERS

BOSTON, March 14.—One tenant, who objected today when 70 others were ordered to vacate two floors of an office building, to provide quarters for the commandant of the first naval district, declined to move elsewhere after being informed that if he remained no one would be permitted to enter his office to transact business with him. Rear Admiral Spencer S. Wood, the commandant, will move his forces from the navy yard Saturday leaving Capt. William B. Rush in command of industrial activities there.

"VISIBLE SPEECH" EXPERT DEAD

HARTFORD, Conn., March 14.—Abel S. Clark, 78, for 48 years an instructor at the American school for the deaf and a pioneer teacher of the oral method for deaf mutes, died today. He entered the school upon his graduation from Yale in 1867 and under instruction of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, later inventor of the telephone, he became an expert in "visible speech."

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Don't wait for a large
sum to start your Savings
account.

Begin with a little, add
to it each week, just watch
it grow.

Interest begins April 1
in the Savings Depart-
ment.

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OLD LOWELL NATIONAL BANK

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Knights of Columbus

There will be a regular meeting
of Lowell Council, No. 72, Knights
of Columbus this evening at 8
o'clock. Business of importance
to come before the meeting.

ROBERT R. THOMAS,
Grand Knight.
PHILIP J. KREEN,
Fin. Sec.

FIRE AS ILLUSTRATION OF WAR CO-OPERATION

The following article on war co-operation is by Roger W. Hanson, a well-known writer on financial and industrial subjects:

"12" was the box number. This meant that the fire was near our house. It at once put on my coat and hat and went to the corner. True enough, great clouds of smoke were already pouring out of a hotel opposite.

The fire apparatus was beginning to arrive. First came a hose-and-ladder truck; next came two steamers; then came a patrol wagon with policemen to prevent looting; following was an ambulance with a doctor and nurses. Even the insurance companies were represented by a truck with rubber blankets to spread on goods in the store below.

No questions were asked as to who owned that building or whether the inmates were rich or poor; there was no jealousy between the different branches of service. The firemen, the doctors, and the insurance agents all co-operated with one single aim, namely, to put out the fire. And in half an hour the fire was out.

France is now ablaze. Over there are our brothers and neighbors. With hearty co-operation between stockholders and workers, between employers and employees, we can get there in time to save democracy. I believe that we are going to see such co-operation. I know that all my readers are going to do their best.

Did you ever think what it is about a fire which thrills us? Did you ever wonder why our blood tingles and our heart throbs as the fire trucks rush by?

Well, the real reason is because a spirit of co-operation then fills the air. When there is a fire, everyone wants to help, and so we then want to help. Wanting to help starts the blood running through our veins, and we have a new feeling and a new experience. That's co-operation!

18 BRITISH MERCHANT SHIPS LOST LAST WEEK

LONDON, March 14.—The admiralty reports the loss by mine or submarine of 18 British merchantmen in the past week and one fishing vessel. Of these 15 were 1800 tons or over and three under the tonnage.

The arrivals at ports in the United Kingdom numbered 2046; sailings, 2062. Merchantmen unsuccessfully attacked, eight.

For the third time in as many weeks 18 British merchantmen have been destroyed by mine or submarine. In the previous week 12 of the vessels were 1800 tons or over and six under that tonnage, while in the preceding week 14 of the vessels were of more than 1800 tons.

BRITISH DROP 10 TONS OF BOMBS ON FREIBURG

LONDON, March 14.—British airplanes attacked munitions works and barracks at Freiburg, Germany, on Wednesday afternoon, says an official statement on aerial operations.

"Nearly 10 tons of bombs were dropped," says the statement. "All our machines reached their objective."

"In addition to the raid reported in last night's official statement, over three tons of bombs were dropped on the docks at Bruges. On Tuesday bombing raids continued with greater vigor than on previous days. Over 13 and a half tons of explosives were dropped on various targets, including railway sidings at Mons and Bavay, large ammunition depots northeast of St. Quentin and south of Douai and billets between Lille and Cambrai."

REDUCTION IN FISH PRICES PREDICTED

BOSTON, March 14.—An increase in the supply of fresh fish in New England with a consequent reduction in prices was predicted today by Boston fish dealers as a result of the agreement between the United States and Canada, announced yesterday at Ottawa. The provision of the agreement which will allow Canadian fishermen to put into American ports, sell their catches and purchase supplies will greatly augment the depleted fleet bringing fish to Boston, the dealers believe.

Under the old regulations it was necessary for the Canadian fishermen to return from the fishing grounds to some Canadian port and obtain clearing papers before they could take their fish to United States ports. American fishermen, especially those of the Cape Shore mackerel fleets and the salt banks fishermen, are expected to profit by the agreement allowing them to enter Canadian ports without clearing papers or licenses.

PANIC ON BERLIN STOCK EXCHANGE

WASHINGTON, March 14.—According to a despatch yesterday from Zurich, the German socialist paper Vorwaerts says the scandal in Germany connected with Kraft at the Daimler munitions factories, which the budget commission of the reichstag is investigating, has caused a veritable panic on the Berlin stock exchange.

The Daimler stock fell two-thirds of its value and a large number of other war stocks suffered similar shrinkage, due to popular belief that the greater part of the war factories have been guilty of grafting and will be prosecuted by the German treasury.

CRITICENTON RESCUE LEAGUE
At the annual meeting of the members of the Florence Crittenton Rescue League held yesterday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. M. A. Blather; first vice president, Mrs. George L. Van Deusen; second vice president, Mrs. Brooks Stevens; secretary, Mrs. Burnham R. Bennett; treasurer, Miss Alice Howell; field secretary, Miss Emily Skilton. The meeting was held at the Y.M.C.A. with Mrs. Frederick A. Fletcher in the chair. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were received and it was announced that the report of the field secretary would be submitted later.

NEW STYLES IN CORSETS

New corsets of fashion which were designed to coincide with the lines of the new apparel for wear this Spring and Summer are here for your approval.

They are in high and low bust, short and long hip effects, front and back laced.

All marked at popular prices.

Experienced Corsetiers in attendance.

Street Floor.

Near Kirk Street Entrance

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SHOWING OF NEW GLOVES

Styles for Spring Wear

There's a wonderful assemblage of them here in the leading makes and shades most wanted. They just arrived from the centers of fashion and are now being shown and are attracting a great deal of attention. Prices that are unusually attractive have been marked on every pair.

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Just inside Main Entrance.

Spring Opening

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NEW FASHIONS FROM THE STYLE CENTERS OF AMERICA

Not a Few, but hundreds of the approved styles of DAME FASHION

Various Panels and Overskirts Give Quaint Style to the Dresses

Pleasing variations to the slenderness of the present vogue are given by the innumerable kinds of panels and overskirts used on many pretty Spring Dresses we are now displaying. Colors are used in many pleasing combinations. Beads, buttons, braids and embroidery are used to give them distinction. This showing reveals dresses for every possible Springtime requirement for both indoor and outdoor use. Priced

\$14.95, \$16.95, \$19.95, \$22.50,
\$25.00, \$29.50, \$32.50, \$35.00,
\$37.50 to \$95.00

The Favored Styles in Coats

The styles we are now showing constitute only those which have already won their way into the good graces of the FASHION PUBLIC. They exhibit the highly fashionable straight lines, are fitted with large collars which can be worn turned up or down. Some are light weight velours of bright shades, trimmed with a decidedly contrasting color. Some are of Bolivia in tan shades, trimmed with self material. Others of serge and other wanted materials. Priced

\$12.95, \$16.95, \$19.95, \$25.00,
\$27.50, \$29.50, \$32.50, \$35.00,
\$39.50, \$45.00, \$49.50, \$55.00

WOMEN'S SUITS OF DECIDED EXCLUSIVENESS

Women of taste who are devotees of FASHION and have a keen eye for economy will readily recognize from our large and choice assortment of Dame Fashion—latest products, exclusiveness and distinctiveness of marked individuality rarely shown in any one stock. If you have not as yet seen them, we earnestly request you not to fail to do so at your earliest convenience. They will set your mind at ease on the style question and will give you a correct conception of the creations which will be most popularly worn. Reasonably priced.

\$19.95, \$25.00, \$29.50, \$35.00, \$37.50, \$39.50, \$45.00 to \$79.50

Charming Indeed Are

The New Spring Waists

What a wealth of beauties we have to offer you for inspection and selection. You will replenish your wardrobe with a couple, we feel sure, once you lay your eyes on them. Waists made up in all the wanted wash satin, wash silk, georgette crepes, voiles, etc. The styles reveal many new ideas that will appeal to all women of today, each is so reasonably priced.

\$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.98,
\$6.98, \$7.98, \$8.98 up to \$14.98

Bright Spring Neckwear

WILL BE VERY POPULAR

There is a touch of magic in the NEW SPRING NECKWEAR and its wonderful adaptability to weave a new charm over any waist or costume it is worn with. The new simple, somewhat severe, apparel styles call for the bright feminine touch that smart neckwear always gives. In this new showing women will find many new neck pieces to satisfy their every desire, all reasonably priced.

NEW STYLES PLENTIFUL IN CHARMING SPRING MILLINERY

Practically every style one can think of is happily represented in our display at this time. Unusual beauty is shown in the intricacy of line to shape of each hat. Yet every one is in keeping with the line of the season. Small high hats predominate. Pokes and turbans are numerous, yet the wider brimmed hats have their place. We are proud of our display of hats and await your decision. Priced from

\$3.98 to \$25.00

Spring Hosiery

What is the new hosiery for Spring? This is the question you are no doubt asking yourself; and this question you can readily answer to your own satisfaction by an inspection of the lines we are now showing. They will acquaint you with the shades which will be worn with the apparel colors of the new season. Fabrics are of pure silk, silk and lisle, lisle and cotton and pure cotton. Come and view them, we here extend to you a cordial invitation.

Charming New Designs in

Feminine Footwear

Spring ushers in a most attractive display of footwear. Styles are unusually attractive and colors rather smart, all of which are in harmony with the most authentic creations for SPRING WEAR. The styles come in a wide variety of lasts and substantial leathers, also combination of leathers. Stunning novelty effects and many pretty and sleek color ideas. And the prices certainly belong to the reasonable class.

THE NEW SEPARATE SKIRTS

For Street, Sport and Dressy Wear

A widely variegated gathering of them are marshalled here in elaborate array. And an inspection of them is respectfully requested. It comprises only those styles that have come to stay, that have captured feminine fancy for wear in the warmer days to come. They come in silk poplin, wash satin, serge, moon-glow, gabardine and velour of prominent and subdued colors. Priced

\$4.98 up to \$19.95



AMERICANS DESTROY ENEMY POSITIONS

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 14—(By the Associated Press)—The American forces northwest of Toul carried out an important raid on the German lines Monday night.

The artillery preparation lasted 45 minutes, and the Americans entered the German defenses as far as the second line. They found a number of German dead from shell fire, and some of those who were retreating were shot down.

The American pioneers accompanying the infantry blow up enemy dugouts. No prisoners were taken, chiefly because of the fact that the Germans did not remain to fight, but ran precipitately at the approach of the Americans. All the Americans returned to their own lines.

The American artillery last night completely obliterated a German position in which 200 gas projectors had been set up ready for a gas attack. The projectors were discovered late yesterday in a photograph taken from the air.

As soon as they were definitely located there was a great concentration of American artillery fire and the projectors and the entire position were destroyed.

In the last gas attack upon American troops only 75 projectors were used. The new attack, therefore, had been planned on a much more extensive scale.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

The United States civil service commission announces competitive examinations to be held as follows:

Inspector of stores and ranges, (male), salary, \$1500 per annum; estate tax inspector and agent, (male), salary, \$5 per diem and \$4 per diem in lieu of subsistence while traveling; automotive engineer, (male), salary, \$2400 to \$3000 per annum; automotive body designer, (male), salary, \$2000 to \$2500 per annum; automotive draftsman, (male), salary, \$1400 to \$1800 per annum; steel plant clerk, (male), salary, \$1000 to \$1400 per annum; machining plant clerk, (male), salary, \$1000 to \$1400 per annum; munition loading plant clerk, (male), salary, \$1000 to \$1400 per annum; powder plant clerk, (male), salary, \$1000 to \$1400 per annum; steam engineer, (male), salary, \$1000 to \$1400 per annum; assistant material engineer, (male), salary, \$1400 to \$1800 per annum; junior engineer, civil, electrical, mechanical, signal, structural, telegraph and telephone, (male), salary, \$720 to \$1200 per annum; supervising engineer, construction, (male), salary, \$8.04 to \$16 per diem; expert aid, (male), salary, \$6.48 to \$9.04 per diem; inspector of tests, (male), salary, \$1000 to \$1500 per annum; deck officer, (male), salary, \$1000 per annum; junior accountant, (male), salary, \$1200 to \$1800 per annum.

March 19—Junior explosives engineer, (male), salary, \$1200 to \$1500 per annum; physical laboratorian, (male and female), salary, \$3.23 per diem; investigator in bulk grain handling, (male), salary, \$2000 to \$2500 per annum; instructor in foundry, (male), salary, \$900 per annum; plasterer, (male), salary, \$75 a month.

March 20—Calculating machine operator, (male and female), salary, \$900 per annum.

March 20—Press feeder, salary, \$3.20 per diem; computer, bureau of mines, salary, \$1020 per annum; market assistant, live stocks and meats, (male), salary, \$1000 to \$1400 per annum; laboratory and field assistant in plant introduction, (male), salary, \$1400 per annum; deputy shipping commissioner, (male and female), salary, \$900 per annum.

March 26—Senior mechanical engineer, (male), salary, \$1800 to \$2700 per annum; assistant in the office of information, (male), salary, \$1800 to \$2700 per annum; computer, coast and geodetic survey, (male), salary, \$1200 per annum; vineyard superintendent, (male), salary, \$1400 to \$1800 per annum; horticultural superintendent, (male), salary, \$1440 to \$1800 per annum.

April 2—Mechanical draftsman experienced in patent office drawing, (male), salary, \$3.52 to \$4 per diem; statistical draftsman, salary, \$1200 to \$1600 per annum; assistant sanitary chemist, (male), salary, \$1600 per annum.

April 3—Assistant in laboratory cooking studies, (female), salary, \$1000 to \$1200 per annum; electrolyte molder, (male), salary, \$5.20 per diem.

May 1—Cost accounting supervisor, (male), salary, \$2400 to \$5000 per annum.

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Fifteen years ago, in a little North Carolina town, a druggist discovered a process of combining the old-fashioned remedies—Camphor, Turpentine and Menthol—with certain volatile oils such as Eucalyptus, Thyme, Cubeb and Juniper, so that, when applied externally, the body heat would vaporize these ingredients. These vapors, inhaled all night long, carry the medication, with each breath, direct to the air passages and lungs.

Today this vapor treatment, Vick's VapoRub, is almost universally used throughout the South in preference to internal "dosing." It is quick in its action, and what is more important, particularly to mothers with small children, it is applied externally and hence does not disturb the most delicate stomach. Colds are easiest treated at the beginning and VapoRub makes the ideal preventive for the entire family.

This preparation comes in salve form and its action is twofold. Externally it is absorbed thru and stimulates the skin, taking out that

tightness and soreness in the chest. Internally, the vapors inhaled loosen the phlegm and open the air passages. For croup or colds just rub a little over the throat and chest and cover with a warm flannel cloth. One application at bedtime prevents a night attack of croup.

For every severe chest cold, tonsillitis, bronchitis or incipient pneumonia, hot wet towels should first be applied over the parts, to open the pores of the skin and then use VapoRub. For headcolds, asthmatic or catarrhal troubles a little VapoRub can be rubbed up the nostrils or melted in a spoon and the vapors inhaled.

The manufacturers know that an actual trial is the best way to prove how valuable VapoRub is in the home and they have accordingly furnished each druggist in Lowell with 60 free packages, to be given away on presentation of the coupon below.

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For a free package of Vick's VapoRub, as long as the free supply lasts. Each Druggist has 60 packages, 12 of which are full size 25c jars, to be given to the first twelve presenting coupons. Only one sample allowed each family.

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STRIKES IN AMERICAN INDUSTRIES IN WARTIME

In order to present the truth as to the extent, causes, and character of strikes in American industry during wartime and their retardation of necessary production, the National Industrial Conference board undertook an investigation of the subject. The investigation covers the first six months of our war period, from April 6 to October 6, 1917.

The I.W.W. Movement

Sharply distinguished from what is generally recognized as the labor movement, with its varying shades of radicalism in various labor unions, stands the disturbing industrial influence of the I.W.W. organization, particularly in the western section of the country. What little evidence was obtainable of alien enemy plots as a cause of strikes can usually be traced to I.W.W. sources. This revolutionary body of workers was reported responsible for 116 strikes, rendering 26,906 workers idle, and causing 1,001,384 lost workdays out of the 6,285,500 for the six-months period covered. These I.W.W. strikes were of long duration, averaging a loss of 37.2 days per worker, and in many instances were accompanied by great violence.

Summary

Summarizing briefly the salient features of the evidence, it appears: The first six months following the entry of the United States into the war was a period of extensive strikes. Even the incomplete returns here summarized indicate 233,400 idle workers and a loss of 6,285,000 workdays.

Strikes were most marked and most serious in those industries particularly essential to war production.

Demands for increased wages were the primary cause of disputes. Strikes for recognition of union or closed shop conditions were the most bitterly contested.

Nearly three-fifths of the disputes occurred in establishments where a majority of the strikers were members of trade unions; the percentage of total time lost in strikes of this class was even higher.

Direct conference appeared to be the most satisfactory and expeditious way of settling disputes and the least costly in point of days lost; those in which injunction proceedings were resorted to were the most prolonged.

The excerpts cited in preceding pages from the voluminous correspondence assembled in the course of the investigation indicate the broad range of causes which have contributed to the unsettled condition of labor in wartime. It is impossible to measure accurately the degree to which any particular cause was responsible. A careful analysis of the information submitted indicates, however, that these were of primary importance:

Increased cost of living and failure of employers in many cases to anticipate this influence.

Widespread discontent due to a belief that undue profits had been made by employers out of war business.

Increased independence of the worker, due in part to a labor shortage and in part to a feeling that the situation constituted labor's opportunity for forcing union recognition or closed shop conditions.

Inequality between wages paid in plants engaged on private work and government or private plants engaged on war work.

The ungetting influence of the "cost-plus-profit" feature of many war contracts.

The federal administration's virtual endorsement of the eight-hour workday.

Indications of improvement in the labor situation in recent months are apparent, but it is only a cursory reading of the daily press to see that the war industries of this country are still heavily handicapped by labor disputes. Co-operation in efforts for the establishment of some workable program which shall minimize these disturbances, at least for the duration of the war, is the patriotic duty of both employers and employees.

NEWSPAPER NOTICE

The United States civil service commission announces an open competitive examination for checker to be held at Ayer on March 21, 1918, for filling 4 vacancies in the position of checker in the office of the constructing quartermaster, Camp Devens, at salaries of from \$800 to \$1200 per annum (with quarters). The examination will consist of third grade subjects and a rating on experience. Measurements of lumber, shipping clerks or men with experience in freight or express offices will be given the highest ratings on experience.

Applicants must have reached their 28th but not their 55th birthday on the day of examination.

For application and information apply to the local secretary at the Ayer postoffice or to the district secretary, custom house, Boston, with whom the application should be filed in time for him to arrange for the examination.

FACTORY NOTES

The February number of "Factory Notes," the U. S. Cartridge Co. publication, has made its appearance and has its usual complement of good things in the literary line. A large number of excellent essays gives the magazine an artistic finish. A new department entitled "Somewhere in France," containing letters from former employees of the company who are now "over there" is most interesting. A two-page cartoon of a patriotic nature by C. K. Perkins and Ed O'Connor is unusually well done. On the whole, the issue is worth reading even by those who are not employed at the munition plant.

NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF "BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK," APRIL 15 TO 20

The following letter relative to the national celebration of "Be Kind to Animals Week" is self explanatory: To the Editor: The Massachusetts society for the prevention of cruelty to animals asks your co-operation in making its annual appeal for the people of the state to join in the national celebration of "Be Kind to Animals Week," April 15 to 20, concluding with Humane Sunday, April 21. It particularly urges ministers of all denominations to direct attention to the care and relief of animals in domestic service and at the front, and for this purpose will send to every copy of brief sermon, "Justice for Animals," to any who will write for it. The society asks all schools to give at least part of Tuesday, April 16, known as Humane day, to exercises relating to animals and their care, and as in former years, will supply every teacher in grammar grades throughout



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the entire state with a pamphlet prepared for the occasion. This program will be distributed through the various superintendents in towns and cities. To moving picture houses which will exhibit them, the society will send slides announcing the above dates. Free literature about "Be Kind to Animals" week and Humane Sunday may be obtained by writing to the secretary, Massachusetts S.P.C.A., 180 Longwood avenue, Boston.

Yours respectfully,
GUY RICHARDSON, Secretary.

URGES POWER TO PRESIDENT TO TAKE OVER COAL, OIL, TIMBER LANDS, ETC.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Legislation empowering the president to take over coal, oil, iron and timber lands and water power and to sell products from them at cost was urged before the house interstate commerce committee yesterday by former United States Senator James E. Martin of New Jersey. Representative M. Clyde Kelley of Pennsylvania, Benjamin C. Marsh of New York, chairman of the executive committee of the American committee on the high cost of living, and others.



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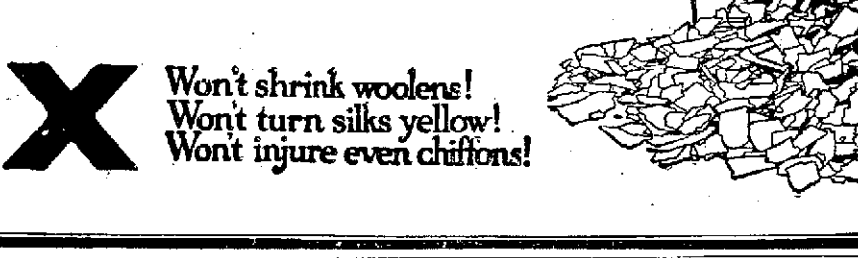
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CONG. CARTER TO RETIRE—EXPENSIVE TO CONDUCT AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON

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NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE FOR RETIRED MINISTERS.
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INTERESTING LETTERS FROM LOWELL SOLDIERS IN THE WAR ZONE

Private Gardner Gull, a Lowell boy now in France with the 101st ammunition train, has written an unusually interesting letter to a friend in this city. Private Gull is a graduate of the Lowell high school and while at the institution was prominent in football, track and baseball. Now he is punting the line and batting for .300 in the American league "over there." The brother to whom he refers in the letter is Jesse Gull of Co. K, 104th Regiment, in France. Private Jesse was also prominent in local high school activities. The letter in part is appended:

France, Feb. 17, 1918.
Dear Friend: I have just received a letter from my brother with a clipping enclosed from The Lowell Sun and my letter thereon. Someone sent it to him and he sent it to me. As you know, I am over here also. As you are glad to know that you received the letter, O. K. We are in a far different part of France than the way when you wrote me before. We are in the zone now where they fight Sundays and all. Today is Sunday and early this afternoon we were fortunate enough to witness an air battle in which, as usual, the Hun came down faster than he went up. A German machine fell about six kilometers from the town that I was in, but as I was busy at the time I did not dare to try to get to it. I was riding a motorcycle and was about 10 miles from the village that I am billeted in. We have seen action in the air each day and evening, and today the big gun-fire at the front was heard very heavy. The report states that three German planes and one French machine have been brought down this afternoon.

The reason for such activity is because of three big observation balloons which the allies have sent up to observe the movements of the Germans. The Germans fly over the line and attempt to destroy and bring down the balloons. About this time the French or allied flyers get busy and then action.

The evening is the time to watch for fireworks when the French try to bring down the German planes by using anti-aircraft guns, star shells and powerful searchlights.

We have had a wonderful opportunity to see France, as we were five days traveling across the country—two by train and three by auto. We passed through many of the most famous battlefields of this great war, but I cannot tell just where I am, but we are in a section where the fiercest fighting has been done in the past and some of the towns certainly show it.

France certainly is a wonderfully pretty country with hundreds of good level fields for tillage. It does not seem to have the woods and timbers that we have at home, however. The section of France whence the French and English have driven the Germans is very hilly and mountainous and they certainly deserve much credit for their ability to drive the Germans from such advantageous positions. Imagine that once they get the Germans in the open that the latter will be due for a good beating, to say the least.

Since writing the first part of this letter I have heard from a party who visited the fallen plane of which I spoke, and I have a much better picture of the German machine which has not been exploded. The major was the operator and was hit in the face by machine gun fire from the French planes.

There is a very bright moon this evening, and no doubt there will be doings pretty soon now. I was very pleased to receive the clipping and to know that you put my letter in the paper. We do not get all our mail and some of it is very late in coming.

I received a letter from my brother today. He has been attending an instruction school which he expects to finish at the school he will have a commission. You, perhaps, remember.

don't I have enjoyed my trip immensely for I had not crossed the channel for 20 months. While in England I met a German major and a British sergeant and the following day we had dinner together. He showed me the pictures of Fred, Jules and Pierre Murel who are in the French planes, all of them in their military uniforms.

I have now been in France 33 months. In your last letter you stated you thought I was well. I am not quite dead yet, but I am affected with heart disease and consequently do not go into the trenches any more. I have some chances out of ten of returning home.

You inform me you have received a letter from Louis, and you say he is fortunate not to have been killed in the front. As far as I am concerned, I do not call that luck. For the young man who has the age and health, it is simply a matter of time before he is killed. You people in America are not very glorious to respond bravely to the call. It would be a shame to remain in the rear when those who are ravaging Europe and threatening the whole world. You people in America are not sufficiently acquainted with conditions in France and Belgium. It is too bad that I cannot say more about what is going on here, but I make an appeal to the French speaking people to do their duty nobly and I will be greatly pleased to learn that my compatriots in Lowell are enlisting in great numbers, for we will never have too many brave ones here.

I have not received the cigarettes that you sent me. I presume they were lost on a ship that was sunk. I am sending you my picture and you can see for yourself how much I have changed. News about my relatives and friends will be welcomed. Your devoted son, JOSEPH.

Sergt. M. G. Sherburne
Sergt. M. G. Sherburne of Tyngsboro, who is in France with one of Uncle Sam's units, writes the following interesting letter to a friend:

France, Feb. 20, 1918.
Sunday last, the major decided to make a trip to the front and took me along as interpreter in case he needed one. I had just five minutes to get ready, but grabbed my hat and five blankets—this having four minutes to wait! We had an auto, covered and enclosed with windows, or it would have been cold, though the day was sunny. The roads were nice and we arrived without mishap at a town where some of our troops are stationed, passing by trenches now unused. A building where some of the villages at one time held by the Huns. A church steeple was still standing just above the clock, which blew up just above the clock. We proceeded on foot across fields dotted with shell holes. We could hear firing a mile or two away (perhaps more) and see clouds of smoke rising from the front. We didn't go into the front line trenches but saw the opposing line from one of our observation spots. A building where one had been a few days before, right beside was demolished. Three German planes together, along with five black puffs of high explosives, looked almost like a squabble of eight. The signal lights appear bright as it grows dusky, and the burning shells make the night of the air.

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some unfortunate town. The hum came nearer and all of a sudden half a dozen machine guns from 50 to 100 yards distant opened up, along with some bigger guns, which had Fourth of July beaten all hollow. However, things weren't so very lively that night compared to some. The chattering and I made up our bunk on the floor. As we had 11 blankets, we didn't suffer much. The trip back was mighty pleasant, too, and yesterday and today I have been catching up with my work.

MASSACHUSETTS BOYS ARE IN GOOD TRIM

Governor McCall has received a cablegram from the Massachusetts commission to France which is composed of Charles S. Baxter, director of the Massachusetts soldiers' information bureau, ex-Lieut.-Gov. Louis A. Frothingham and Dr. John W. Coughlin. The report indicates that they are co-operating with and working in harmony with General Pershing and the people of Massachusetts know that Massachusetts boys in the army abroad are healthy and light-hearted and that there is very much less sickness among them than in any ordinary community in the United States. The commission believes that the people should know that owing to the rigid rules and regulations established by General Pershing, venereal diseases are practically non-existing in our army. It is their desire to bring home to every father and mother in Massachusetts that the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces is giving the most wonderful protection to the health and welfare of his troops. The Massachusetts commission expects to be in constant and direct touch with our boys at the front and from time to time hopes to obtain further interesting items of news to forward to the relatives at home.

DINGMAN THERE WITH THE PATRIOTISM

BOSTON, March 14.—If any American is trying harder than Almon U. Dingman of Barton, Vt., to help his country by getting into war service, national headquarters of the United States shipping board recruiting service at the Boston customs house has not heard of him.

Mr. Dingman applied here yesterday for enrollment on a shipping board training ship, to be drilled as a fireman for the new American Merchant marine. In his earnestness to be ready for the training service as soon as possible he had sold his 14 head of cattle and 400 chickens at Barton and left 1000 sugar maple trees "to take care of themselves," he said.

Dingman was greatly disappointed when shipping board physicians were unable to accept him as a Merchant marine apprentice, owing to a slight affection of the muscles of one arm.

"Well," he remarked, "I've got one more chance left. I've tried to get into the navy, the Coast artillery and the Merchant marine. Perhaps they'll take me in the army. If they don't, I'll go back to farming and do the best I can there."

MEN WORKING ON FARMS WILL NOT BE CALLED IN THE DRAFTS

The local exemption boards have received the following notice from Provost Marshal General Crowder in regard to the deferment of call to the colors of registrants who are engaged in agricultural pursuits. The notice was published in The Sun a few days ago but because of its special significance it is repeated:

"The situation arising from the scarcity of farm labor demands that the completely and assiduously engaged in the planting or cultivating of a crop, but who are in Class I and within the new quota, should be deferred until the end of the new quota. Please instruct your local boards, therefore, that the president directs that, in filling this emergency call, they shall pass the order numbers of such men and defer their call for the present. It must be borne in mind that this step is taken solely in the interest of the nation and not for the benefit of any individual. Therefore, while boards should consider it a grave duty to exercise this power to conserve and augment agricultural production, they should observe closely the conduct of those deferred and immediately upon becoming convinced that any person so deferred is not giving his entire time and earnest attention to agricultural duty, or that he is trifling with the deferment thus granted him, the board should forthwith call him to the colors. All citizens should assist in making this expedient effective and in bringing to the attention of the boards cases meriting deferment, as well as cases in which deferment is being abused."

Blotchy Skin

Many a time you have looked into the mirror and wished that your skin would be like other people whom you know, "without a blemish." Wash D. D. D., the lotion of healing oils, over your pimples or blotches tonight—and wake up in the morning to find them gone! A 50c bottle will give you relief. Why don't you try D. D. D. today?

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THE DAY'S NEWS AT CITY HALL

The school department wishes to announce that on Wednesday evening, March 20, beginning at 7 o'clock, at the Green school in Merrimack street, there will be registration for classes in English for non-English speaking adults.

These classes were maintained for a few weeks during 1917 and had, for a time, a fair attendance. If the registration should warrant it, those classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock as long as the weather will permit. This announcement should be of considerable interest to the large corporations and to all employers of non-English speaking adults.

On the same evening, Wednesday, March 20, at the same place and beginning at 7.30 o'clock, there will be a meeting for all men who are interested in a naturalization class and it is the intention of the school department to render all possible assistance during the next few months to those who are fitting themselves for naturalization. It should be understood that work

along these two lines is purely gratuitous on the part of the school department, as the work is not prescribed or ordered by law.

Sewer Superintendent

Commissioner Morse of the streets and highways department was notified by mail this morning by the chief examiner of the Civil Service commission, Joseph J. Reilly, that the examination for sewer superintendent to fill the vacancy created by the death of Patrick McCann will be held on Friday morning, March 22, and inasmuch as the examination is confined to sewer foremen, the only men eligible to take it are Owen Tighe, Pierre Gagne, Thomas E. Smith, and Thomas F. Garvey, Jr. The salary for the position is \$1500 per annum.

On account of the storm the employees of the street department were laid off this morning with orders to report for work at noon if the weather was favorable.

Infant Mortality

For the week ending March 9 Lowell is the second on the list for the highest infant mortality, according to the weekly report of the federal bureau of census, which includes 46 cities. Lowell's percentage is 24.4. Lowell leads with a percentage of 33.3, while other large cities have averages as follows: Boston, 14; Buffalo, 20.6; Chicago, 18.3; Fall River, 20.4; New York, 15.2; Washington, 7.8. The lowest on the list is Seattle with a percentage of 5.7.

More Laid Off

It was learned this morning that 14 more employees of the water department were laid off last evening, making a total of about 54 within a couple of weeks. Of this number it is understood there are 17 machinists.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER

A number of young women employed in local stores, and who reside in the vicinity of Hampshire and West Sixth streets, in Centralville, are somewhat alarmed over the appearance of a rather suspicious character in the district, a man of middle age, rather tall, who wears a brown overcoat and fur collar, and his hobby seems to be that of following women. It is stated that a few nights ago this stranger attacked one prominent young woman and attempted to relieve her of her purse, but he did not succeed, for the shouts of the young woman attracted a couple of men to the scene, and the would-be-thief made his escape. The police have been notified of the doings of the stranger, but they have been unable to capture him.

Without counting 1413 men serving in dockyards and military stations on the outbreak of the war, 5051 London police officers are engaged in war service.

SHAKER WANTS TO FIGHT

SACO, Me., March 14.—Although once refused because of failure to pass the physical examination, Louis A. Cartland of 107 Temple street, a Shaker, who is exempt from the draft, has notified his exemption board that he waives all claims and is ready whenever his country needs him.

He is the son of Mrs. Frank C. Cartland, who says that although the Shakers do not believe in war, they are not slackers, and that her son will not fail to do his full duties to his country because of his religious belief.

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Liggett's Riker-Jaynes Drug Store, Lowell Pharmacy, Routhier & Delle, Proprietary, Falls, Burkinshaw, P. J. Campbell, Lowell.

The local board of Trade Americanization committee of which A. D. Milliken is chairman, has sent out notices of the registration for the local Americanization schools which is to take place next Wednesday evening at the Green school, to local mills, societies and churches. It is hoped that a lot of interest in the work will be stimulated in this way among non-English speaking residents.

Sunday afternoon a rehearsal of the minstrel show which will be given in

Talbot hall, North Billerica, by members of the Knights of Columbus, will be held and it is expected that all those participating in the affair will be present. The event will be given in conjunction with a dancing party for the benefit of the K. of C. war fund. The general manager of the party will be Mrs. Thomas Callahan, while the floor director will be Miss Gertrude Lelacheur, both of North Billerica. William F. Thornton is in charge of the minstrel part, while the musical end of the affair is being looked after by John Broderick.

The fuel shipment to Lowell this morning was as follows: Soft coal, 35 cars; broken, 1 car and egg, 1 car. The cars averaged 40 tons. The Bay State Street railway received seven cars of the soft coal.

John C. Sargent of this city, a member of the senior class of Boston college, delivered an interesting illustrated lecture on "High Explosives and Their Use in the Present War," before the Boston College Scientific society in Boston, yesterday.

At the annual election of officers of the Brockton lodge of Elks, held Monday evening, Mr. Joseph P. Courtney, formerly of this city, was elected knight and Thomas A. Delaney was elected as delegate to the association of Massachusetts Elks.

Miss Margaret Jolly was tendered a miscellaneous shower last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, 363 Bridge street. A musical program was carried out by the Northman Ladies' orchestra. Refreshments were served during the evening.

A meeting of the members of the Lowell Mercantile Clerks' association will be held in Mathews' hall this evening. The meeting, it is said, has been called for the purpose of discussing the wage question, for it is claimed that the clerks of the Lowell stores are entitled to more money. It is believed that the meeting will be a very interesting one.

The Wooden Box Manufacturers' association, a sub-organization of the board of trade, will meet at the board rooms this evening at 8 o'clock. The laundrymen's association will hold a special meeting tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

In order to relieve congestion made by the prepayment cars in Merrimack square, beginning Saturday morning the Lawrence cars, instead of making the loop through Merrimack square, John and Paige streets, will turn into Paige street and after changing ends, will make the return trip to Lawrence.

Supt. Gilmore of the Humane society was called to Howard and Chelsea streets this morning about 7 o'clock where he found that a black and white female dog had been struck by an auto and its collar had been broken. There was no back on the animal and to end its suffering Mr. Gilmore shot it.

some unfortunate town. The hum came nearer and all of a sudden half a dozen machine guns from 50 to 100 yards distant opened up, along with some bigger guns, which had Fourth of July beaten all hollow. However, things weren't so very lively that night compared to some. The chattering and I made up our bunk on the floor. As we had 11 blankets, we didn't suffer much. The trip back was mighty pleasant, too, and yesterday and today I have been catching up with my work.

MASSACHUSETTS BOYS ARE IN GOOD TRIM

Governor McCall has received a cablegram from the Massachusetts commission to France which is composed of Charles S. Baxter, director of the Massachusetts soldiers' information bureau, ex-Lieut.-Gov. Louis A. Frothingham and Dr. John W. Coughlin. The report indicates that they are co-operating with and working in harmony with General Pershing and the people of Massachusetts know that Massachusetts boys in the army abroad are healthy and light-hearted and that there is very much less sickness among them than in any ordinary community in the United States. The commission believes that the people should know that owing to the rigid rules and regulations established by General Pershing, venereal diseases are practically non-existing in our army. It is their desire to bring home to every father and mother in Massachusetts that the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces is giving the most wonderful protection to the health and welfare of his troops. The Massachusetts commission expects to be in constant and direct touch with our boys at the front and from time to time hopes to obtain further interesting items of news to forward to the relatives at home.

DINGMAN THERE WITH THE PATRIOTISM

BOSTON, March 14.—If any American is trying harder than Almon U. Dingman of Barton, Vt., to help his country by getting into war service, national headquarters of the United States shipping board recruiting service at the Boston customs house has not heard of him.

Mr. Dingman applied here yesterday for enrollment on a shipping board training ship, to be drilled as a fireman for the new American Merchant marine. In his earnestness to be ready for the training service as soon as possible he had sold his 14 head of cattle and 400 chickens at Barton and left 1000 sugar maple trees "to take care of themselves," he said.

Dingman was greatly disappointed when shipping board physicians were unable to accept him as a Merchant marine apprentice, owing to a slight affection of the muscles of one arm.

"Well," he remarked, "I've got one more chance left. I've tried to get into the navy, the Coast artillery and the Merchant marine. Perhaps they'll take me in the army. If they don't, I'll go back to farming and do the best I can there."

MEN WORKING ON FARMS WILL NOT BE CALLED IN THE DRAFTS

The local exemption boards have received the following notice from Provost Marshal General Crowder in regard to the deferment of call to the colors of registrants who are engaged in agricultural pursuits. The notice was published in The Sun a few days ago but because of its special significance it is repeated:

"The situation arising from the scarcity of farm labor demands that the completely and assiduously engaged in the planting or cultivating of a crop, but who are in Class I and within the new quota, should be deferred until the end of the new quota. Please instruct your local boards, therefore, that the president directs that, in filling this emergency call, they shall pass the order numbers of such men and defer their call for the present. It must be borne in mind that this step is taken solely in the interest of the nation and not for the benefit of any individual. Therefore, while boards should consider it a grave duty to exercise this power to conserve and augment agricultural production, they should observe closely the conduct of those deferred and immediately upon becoming convinced that any person so deferred is not giving his entire time and earnest attention to agricultural duty, or that he is trifling with the deferment thus granted him, the board should forthwith call him to the colors. All citizens should assist in making this expedient effective and in bringing to the attention of the boards cases meriting deferment, as well as cases in which deferment is being abused."

Blotchy Skin

Many a time you have looked into the mirror and wished that your skin would be like other people whom you know, "without a blemish." Wash D. D. D., the lotion of healing oils, over your pimples or blotches tonight—and wake up in the morning to find them gone! A 50c bottle will give you relief. Why don't you try D. D. D. today?

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DOWS, THE DRUGGIST

FREE!

Our expert's advice on your heating problem. How you can be warmer next Winter for less money—

WE want to show you, without obligation on your part, how you can heat your house for less money. We are so sure of the economy and efficiency of the "Pierce" Famous "down draft" Boiler for heating that you can get a cash allowance for your old boiler to apply on one of our

make so that you can save money on next Winter's coal bills.

You trade in your automobile, piano sewing machine or typewriter. Why not trade in your old heating boiler for a new one? Increasing scarcity of labor makes it advisable to prepare now for next Winter. Fill out the coupon carefully, and send it in today. Don't wait until next Fall. This is a special offer to be acted upon at once.

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THE DAY'S NEWS AT CITY HALL

The school department wishes to announce that on Wednesday evening, March 20, beginning at 7 o'clock, at the Green school in Merrimack street, there will be registration for classes in English for non-English speaking adults.

These classes were maintained for a few weeks during 1917 and had, for a time, a fair attendance. If the registration should warrant it, those classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock as long as the weather will permit. This announcement should be of considerable interest to the large corporations and to all employers of non-English speaking adults.

On the same evening, Wednesday, March 20, at the same place and beginning at 7.30 o'clock, there will be a meeting for all men who are interested in a naturalization class and it is the intention of the school department to render all possible assistance during the next few months to those who are fitting themselves for naturalization. It should be understood that work

along these two lines is purely gratuitous on the part of the school department, as the work is not prescribed or ordered by law.

Sewer Superintendent

Commissioner Morse of the streets and highways department was notified by mail this morning by the chief examiner of the Civil Service commission, Joseph J. Reilly, that the examination for sewer superintendent to fill the vacancy created by the death of Patrick McCann will be held on Friday morning, March 22, and inasmuch as the examination is confined to sewer foremen, the only men eligible to take it are Owen Tighe, Pierre Gagne, Thomas E. Smith, and Thomas F. Garvey, Jr. The salary for the position is \$1500 per annum.

On account of the storm the employees of the street department were laid off this morning with orders to report for work at noon if the weather was favorable.

Infant Mortality

For the week ending March 9 Lowell is the second on the list for the highest infant mortality, according to the weekly report of the federal bureau of census, which includes 46 cities. Lowell's percentage is 24.4. Lowell leads with a percentage of 33.3, while other large cities have averages as follows: Boston, 14; Buffalo, 20.6; Chicago, 18.3; Fall River, 20.4; New York, 15.2; Washington, 7.8. The lowest on the list is Seattle with a percentage of 5.7.

More Laid Off

It was learned this morning that 14 more employees of the water department were laid off last evening, making a total of about 54 within a couple of weeks. Of this number it is understood there are 17 machinists.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER

A number of young women employed in local stores, and who reside in the vicinity of Hampshire and West Sixth streets, in Centralville, are somewhat alarmed over the appearance of a rather suspicious character

PRAISE FOR U.S. SOLDIERS

Maj. Crockett Tells of Experience
"Over There"—France Waits
for More U.S. Troops

BOSTON, March 14.—"American soldiers were never so near being supermen as they are today on the battle front in France, where during a sojourn of three weeks I did not see a single case of intoxication," said Major Eugene A. Crockett of the Medical Corps, U.S.A., speaking on his experiences in Serbia, Italy and France last evening at the monthly dinner of the Utrarian club at the Somerset.

Maj. Crockett made it clear that he had no sympathy with those who have spoken disparagingly of our soldiers in France. He added that their freedom from drunkenness is the more remarkable since they are billeted in French families, most of whom have liquor in their homes.

As a notable example of the esteem in which American soldiers are held in France, the speaker told of a French woman of superior family, who, in sending her young daughter to Paris from another city, went through an entire train till she found a compartment occupied by American railway engineers, where she installed her daughter for the journey, placing her in charge of the soldiers and basing her confidence in the Americans on her observation of them in her home city, where many were quartered.

Waiting for America
Major Crockett denied the oft-repeated rumor that either France or Italy are in danger of making peace this year or next, explaining that the French have not been as active in fighting of late as they formerly were because they fought so hard and suffered so much earlier in the war that they have made up their minds to wait for strong American reinforcements before plunging in again.

He declared that no one who has seen the enthusiasm of the Italian troops can suspect them of lacking loyalty to the cause of the allies. "Nowhere in Italy or France," he said, "does one get any indication, even among the grievously wounded in the hospitals, of despondency, or even of suffering."

"The United States is not yet appreciated in the war, or one could not see a gathering of 200 men, like this before me, without a uniform in it. In Europe every man from 16 to 65, if physically fit, wears a uniform showing that he is doing some sort of war work."

OH MY STOMACH
"I had stomach trouble so badly that nothing I ate would digest as it should," said Sadie E. Hamilton, Portland, Me., as she began a remarkable story of the help she has secured from Argo-Phosphate, the new reconstructive, stomach tonic and system purifier.

"Everything that I ate would lie in my stomach like a lump," she explained. "Gas would form and I would suffer distress all the time. I got so I could hardly keep anything down. Trying to get relief, I had my stomach pumped out, but even this did not help me as I continued just as bad."

"I kept hearing so much about Argo-Phosphate that I thought, maybe it might help me and I decided to try it. I have taken two bottles and to my surprise I am already feeling fine. I can eat anything and I am not troubled at all."

"I am completely rid of my old stomach trouble that I had for three years. I have not felt so well for years and I am certainly glad to endorse Argo-Phosphate, because I want others to be helped by this wonderful medicine."

"The spirit of wanting to help others is what makes suffering men and women give these splendid public endorsements of Argo-Phosphate," said a local druggist.

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The speaker declared that the people in the Balkans say the United States will be the only nation represented at the peace council table that will have no private interests to look after, and they hope that the American negotiators will be men well enough posted on the questions at stake and on the rights of the smaller nations to see that their interests are taken care of.

"Peace ought to create a new nation," he said, "composed of Serbia, Herzegovina, Bosnia, Southern Hungary and Southern Austria, all of whom belong together and desire to be united."

Roberts College Left Alone
He mentioned as a curious fact that though the United States is at war with Turkey's allies, Roberts college is still being conducted in Constantinople by Americans, owing to the influence of Bulgaria, who has insisted that Germany keep her hands off that institution.

The speaker asserted that owing to that fact this country can exercise much influence in settling the Balkan problem at the peace table.

Lieut. Francis W. Peabody, professor at Harvard Medical school, recently home from Red Cross service in Rumania and Russia, and who was in the midst of the revolution at Moscow and Petrograd for several weeks, stated that, even though at peace, Russia will continue to influence the war; that while the Russians may not bring about a revolution in Germany during the war, as they tried to do, they will, in his opinion, establish in Russia yet "a good strong government, socialist in character after the war more than any other in Europe."

He declared that in order to draw supplies from Russia, such as the feeding of the Russians against the Germans, that Germany must keep a large number of troops there, which will mean so many fewer on the western front.

J. Randolph Coolidge, Jr., president of the club presided. Dr. Chas. W. Eliot and Col. Melvin C. Adams were at the head table.

WITH THE SOLDIERS AT
CAMP DEVENS

CAMP DEVENS, March 14.—Practice with a light infantry cannon used in the French trenches to destroy German machine-gun emplacements and listening posts, began yesterday on the rifle range. Fifty infantry officers witnessed the firing under the direction of Capt. Ammann of the French army.

A school of non-coms from each infantry headquarters company handled the cannon and for an hour shells were fired at a tree stump 800 metres across the range. Brig-Gen. Weigel, Brig-Gen. Albright and Brig-Gen. Evans watched the operation of the novel weapon.

Officers Try the Range
Roxie O'Grady, a dainty mule not susceptible to explosion noises, led the procession to the range, drawing the cannon. Brig-Gen. Albright, Col. Tompkins, Col. Smith, Col. Preston and Col. Herron took turns firing the cannon after the gun crew had demonstrated its use for half an hour.

The gun was dismounted from its carriage and carried to a firing post. "Left, two, 825," said Capt. Ammann, the gunner shifted the aim to the

target by mistake and it missed. The French officer showed how to "break" the target by shooting on all sides of it. One shell failed to explode and Capt. Ammann extracted it himself, though gingerly.

quick spray of black earth located the hits, which the officers watched through field glasses. Lt.-Col. Crofts and Col. Romeyn directed the exhibition. Col. Stewart, chief of staff, represented Maj.-Gen. Hodges. The gathering of general and field officers made the most notable audience at any of the new training events.

Col. Merwin B. Stewart, chief of staff, has been promoted from a lieutenant-colonelcy. Congratulations came from his pleased colleagues. He graduated from the war college and general staff college, commanded the New England division at the first Plattsburg R.O.T.C., wrote the new infantry drill regulations and went on the tour of the French and British battle fronts with Maj.-Gen. Hodges.

Guarding Against Spies
A move has been made to increase the difficulty of enemy spies securing information in camp through the issuance of an order by Maj.-Gen. Hodges that no civilians will be permitted in barracks without permission of the company commanders. Men having special permission to sell edibles to mess sergeants are excepted.

Between retreat and reveille no visitors will be permitted inside the gate unless accompanied by a commissioned officer. Guests invited to authorized entertainments and those wishing to go to the hostess house are allowed to go back and forth on the direct route, but under escort. Newspaper correspondents retain the right of free access around camp and in barracks as heretofore.

Artillerymen in the 301st adopted the British picket line idea of exercising horses today. Two soldiers rode at either end of a column of horses attached to a rope.

Maple sap icicles, nature's candy, are picked off trees daily by the artillerymen on rides outside camp.

"Pack all equipment and move to Westfield April 20" read a practice field order in the officers' training camp, which brought a deluge of inquiries to Lt.-Col. Falls, the commander, when camp gossip made it a "fact" yesterday.

A serious joke bothers division headquarters as how to make good on the promise to give passes Saturday

Tells How to Stop a
Bad Cough

Surprising results from this home-made syrup. Easily prepared and costs little.

If you have a severe cough or chest cold accompanied with soreness, throat tickle, hoarseness, or difficult breathing, or if your child wakes up during the night with croup and you want quick relief, just try this pleasant tasting home-made cough remedy. Any druggist can supply you with 2½ ounces of Pinex (50 cents worth). Pour this into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Thus prepared, you have a pint of really remarkable cough remedy—one that can be depended upon to give quick and lasting relief at all times.

You can feel this take hold of a cough in a way that means business. It loosens and raises the phlegm, stops throat tickle and soothes and heals the irritated membranes that line the throat and bronchial tubes with such promptness, ease and certainty that it is really astonishing.

Pinex is a special and highly concentrated compound of genuine Norwegian pine extract, and is noted for its speed in overcoming severe coughs, throat and chest colds. Its millions of enthusiastic users have made it famous the world over.

There are many worthless imitations of this noted mixture. To avoid disappointment, ask for "2½ ounces of Pinex" with full directions and don't accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded, goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

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Great temptations confront the clothing merchant today, but in no instance have the standards of the Merrimack Clothing Co. been lowered. In spite of extreme pressure and against the most urgent solicitation, we have held to our quality standard—a standard that has stood the acid test for twenty-five years. We have turned our backs upon thousands of most attractive looking garments of manipulated fabrics that we know would not give satisfactory wear. We can safely say that the quality of our Spring Suits and Overcoats is as high this season as ever before.

It is true that good reliable clothing—the kind you can buy with your eyes closed—the kind sold by the Merrimack Clothing Co.—costs more than it did but not very much more if you make your Spring purchases early. We went into the market months ago—yes, over a year ago—on blues and staple worsteds, and we are going to give the public of Lowell the benefit of our foresight—and while the prices are somewhat higher than other seasons we honestly believe you can buy a dependable Suit or Topcoat for less money here today than anywhere in the United States.

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DISPUTE BLOCKS SECOND DRAFT

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Legislation to change the system of apportioning drafted men by making the basis the number of men in Class I instead of the population of states, was held up in the house yesterday with the filing of an adverse minority report by members of the military committee and by the statement of Chairman Dorn that the measure would not be called up until after Secretary Baker's return from France.

This will delay the second draft, as Provost Marshal General Crowder has announced that he will not go ahead with it until the law is changed.

At the time the minority report was filed Gen. Crowder was before the senate military committee urging speedy consideration of the measure and of another to require registration of all men attaining 21 years of age since last June 5. He appeared greatly concerned when he learned that the legislation was checked.

The senate has passed the bill to change the basis of apportionment. Representatives Gordon, Shallenberger, Wise, Nichols, Harrison and Hull joined in the dissenting report, which declared that the proposal would subject "to the arbitrary will and authority of those in control of the nation's military power the 9,000,000 men registered, except only those unconditionally exempt from the draft, as fully and completely for all practical purposes as those already inducted into the military service."

"If congress," the dissenters added, "is prepared to deliver the bodies of these 9,000,000 men to the hands of the military authorities without condition or limitation, then it should pass this joint resolution; if not, it should be defeated."

Five democrats and one republican constituted the minority, which declared that the resolution would create a favored class to feast on war profits. Legislation to abolish the extra allowance of 50 per cent. in pay to men in the aviation service was approved by Gen. Crowder, who detailed the reasons given by Gen. Pershing, Secretary Baker and the general staff—that aviation was not more hazardous than other branches of the service according to the percentage of fatalities, and that there now was no difficulty in securing men for aviation work without the attraction of extra pay.

U. S. FIGHTING SEAPLANES TO WAR ON U-BOATS

WASHINGTON, March 14.—America's first fighting seaplane, equipped with Liberty motors, has been tested and accepted, and a number of the craft are now being delivered for the use of the naval air service. They are the advance guard of a big fleet which will be added to the forces engaged in submarine hunting in the war zone.

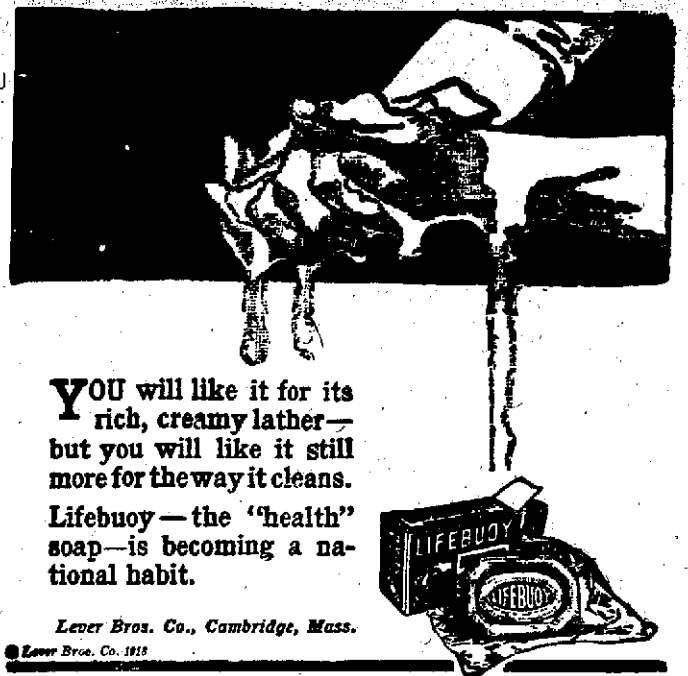
A second type of fighting plane for the American army, known as the Bristol model, also has reached the production stage, and a considerable number will become available during the present month. Still another type, a two-seater machine, also is being manufactured.

Two Motors to Each Plane
The seaplanes are similar to the British flying boats and are equipped with two Liberty motors, which provide approximately 700-horsepower. This is understood to be much in excess of the power used in similar British craft and their performance is expected to be proportionately better.

Engineers of the aircraft board have overcome the last minor defect of the Liberty motors, having to do with the lubrication system. Officials are satisfied that the output of fighting planes in this country will tax shipping facilities before July, when delivery in quantities in France has been scheduled. Already the problem of caring for the planes on the other side is one to which Gen. Pershing's staff is giving serious thought.

Those produced in the United States are in addition to the fighting aviation equipment to be produced under contract through the French and British governments. There are indications that these foreign contracts are not up to the original schedule of delivery. No details are available as to the actual number of machines that will be turned over to Gen. Pershing during the summer.

French and British experts have been studying the Liberty motor, and it is expected that a large number of



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foreign planes will be equipped with the motors this year.

Working on Motor for 1919

American engineers are devoting themselves to a study of the motor to be used next year, which undoubtedly will show a very considerable increase in horsepower over the present 12-cylinder model.

powerful motors will be needed for machines to carry such armament as Gen. Pershing has proposed. In response to an inquiry some time ago as to gun power of American fighting planes, Gen. Pershing recommended at least two heavy and two light machine guns, adding:

"We should anticipate the use of three Vickers synchronized guns and three Lewis unsynchronized guns on every airplane."

To carry out such a program larger planes would be necessary, and it is the judgment of officials here that fighting aircraft will increase constantly in size and armament.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCHES

The Merrimack valley conference of Universalist churches was held in the First church in this city yesterday. Rev. H. F. Benton of the Grace church opened the morning session and preacher was Rev. W. H. Morrison of Nashua, who took as his text the 20th verse of the 50th chapter of Genesis.

The preacher took the words of Joseph to his brothers; that out of the evil they had done would come great good, to illustrate his idea that out of the terrible world war God will bring great good to the nations of the earth.

We as a nation are learning, he said, the lesson of conserving what God has given us. We are learning the value of preparation, of being ready. And one of the great things that are coming out of the war is the destruction of booze. First it was war prohibition, but it will mean absolute prohibition. Even the almighty dollar has taken the stump against booze. Big business throughout the country is saying to the men, "If you work for us you cannot touch liquor." What we prayed for, the downfall of the greatest curse on earth, is coming about through business and war.

Out of the war is also coming democracy. The whole struggle is a struggle between democracy and autocracy, and three-fourths of the world is lined up for democracy. Even in the central powers, looking underneath the surface, we see the same movement underway.

117 WERE TAKEN OFF STRANDED STEAMER

AN ATLANTIC PORT, March 14.—Thirty naval reservists of a party of 117 had an exciting adventure yesterday when they were landed by means of the breeches buoys from the Merchant and Miners Transportation Co.'s steamer Kershaw, which had pushed her nose between two sand bars and stuck off the coast near here during a fog. The other 87 reservists and two women and two children who comprised the passenger list were taken off the steamer by tugs and patrol boats.

The Kershaw, with a crew of about 40 men sticking to their posts, was still hard in the sand last night and had about seven feet of water in her hold. The sea was calm and the ves-

sel was in no immediate danger. The hope was expressed that after the leaks in her bottom had been stopped the vessel could be pulled off with the high tide tomorrow morning.

The Kershaw, which was bound for a New England from a Middle Atlantic port, went ashore at midnight last night. When her predicament was discovered today coast guards rigged up their gun and fired a line across her bow. Later the breeches buoy was put in operation and many naval reservists chose this exciting method of rescue to the more prosaic one of being taken off by the fleet of tugs and other craft which were standing by. The reservists who came ashore in the breeches buoy were sent to their destination by train. The women and children will proceed on the boats which took them off the Kershaw.

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

As a result of complaints brought to Mayor Perry D. Thompson by A. S. Goldman, moving picture censor, to the effect that some local theatres were not complying with the state laws in the playing of the national emblem, "The Star Spangled Banner," His Honor has written a letter to the managers warning them not to have the laws violated again.

The law, which is contained in chapter 311, general acts of 1917, is as follows:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful in the commonwealth to play, sing or render "The Star Spangled Banner" in any public place, theatre, motion picture hall, restaurant or cafe, or at any public entertainment, other than as a whole and separate composition or number without embellishment or addition in the way of national or other melodies, or to play, sing or render "The Star Spangled Banner" or any part thereof as dance music, as an exit march, or as part of a medley of any kind.

Section 2. Any violation of this act shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.

AMERICAN JEWS PRISONERS

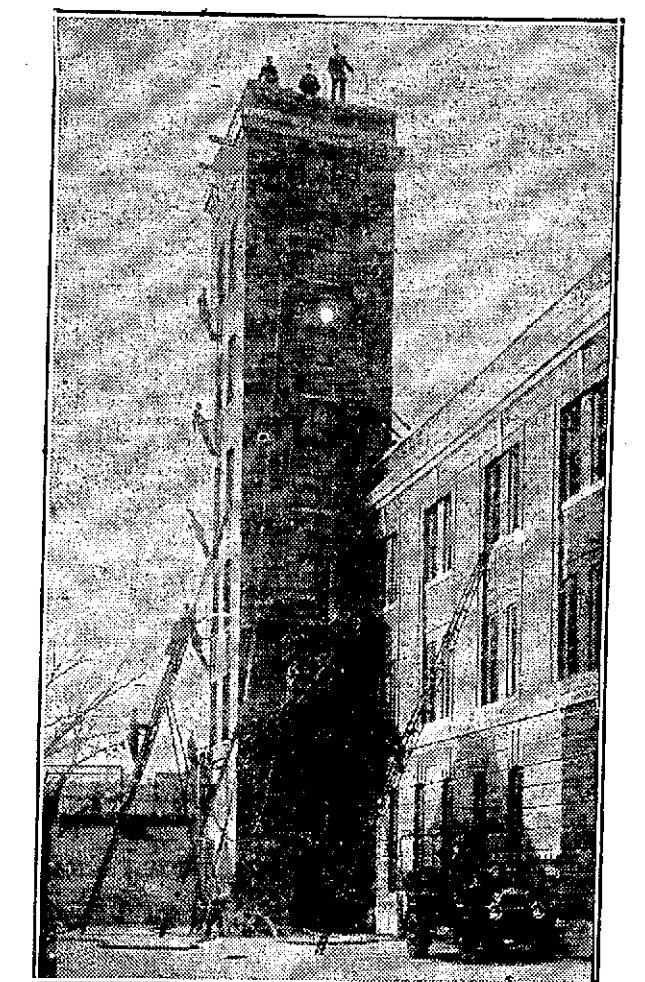
NEW YORK, March 14.—News that 132 American Jews living in Jerusalem had been carried into captivity by the fleeing Turks, and that their fate was unknown, was announced today by the provisional executive committee for general Zionist affairs in reporting details of the evacuation of the Holy City and its occupation by the victorious British army.

Women Beaten

Twelve days before the fall of the city to General Allenby's forces, the advices said, an order was issued for the arrest of the Americans and their deportation to northern Palestine. Women and children were cruelly beaten to compel them to reveal the hiding places of fathers, husbands and brothers. Threatened with the death of their women and children, 70 men emerged from their hiding places and 62 others were rounded up in later raids, which lasted four days.

All of the prisoners were charged with disloyalty to the Ottoman government. Their punishment had been undecided when the cry, "The English are coming!" resounded throughout Jerusalem. The Turks, panic-stricken, are said to have fled, taking their helpless American captives with them.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOULD HAVE DRILL TOWER



TOWER FOR DRILL SCHOOL

That the Lowell fire department should have a drill tower to give the firemen an opportunity to do practice work is conceded by about every member in the department, from the chief down, on the ground that it would keep them in good fire-fighting trim and that it would also help them, physically.

There is a drill system in the local department at the present time, the firemen being put through many stunts under the direction of Lieut. John J. Murphy of Engine 6, who is drillmaster, but there is no suitable place for the men to work and inasmuch as under the present conditions it is necessary to take one or more companies away from their respective stations when being put through a drill, it means that in the event of a telephone or still alarm other pieces of apparatus have got to respond.

The erection of a drill tower where one man from each company could spend two hours a day, like in Springfield, the men would be able to learn many ways of fighting fires, assisting in rescue work, etc., which would prove

to be a big asset in working at a fire and the keen competition in contests at the end of the drill season, and would tend to improve the efficiency of the department.

The old adage "practice makes perfect" is a good one, and it is essential that the drill master keep in touch with the modern methods of fighting fires and instruct the members of the department in every way possible to improve their work and be able to cope with big fires and threatened conflagrations.

It has very often been said that Lowell has few big fires as compared with other cities. The reason for so few big fires is due in no small measure to the efficiency of the force, but even at that, there is opportunity galore for improvement.

The Springfield Department

The Springfield fire department is considered one of the best in the state and it has been brought up to that high standard mainly through the work done on the drill tower at the North street station. The tower is about 75 feet

high, the side dimensions being 12 by 21 feet. As the accompanying cut will indicate, it is of brick construction, practically six stories high and attached to the fire station in question. There is an ideal location at the Fletcher street engine house for the erection of such a tower and the expense of construction, which should be small, would be offset by the increase in knowledge and ability of the firemen. The interior of the structure consists mainly of a rough stairway and nothing more.

In the event of such a building being erected, one member from each company would spend two hours a day, between 9 and 11 o'clock in the morning, Sundays and holidays excepted, in practice work. In case of a fire the men at the drill would board the apparatus at the drill stations and be on the scene of fire to render assistance.

In the accompanying cut is shown a 25-foot extension and a 35-foot extension ladder against the tower and a 40-foot extension ladder against the main building. There are also five pomper ladders being used against the tower.

The pomper ladder is a fireman's scaling ladder setting on a pole with cross rungs and hook at upper end. In the case of rescue work or to carry a line of hose to the upper stories of a building this ladder is very effective. One man takes a ladder, throws the hook into a window-sill on the second floor, climbs up and with the assistance of his life belt, in order that both his hands may be free, he is handed another pomper ladder which he hooks onto the window above. He then mounts the second ladder while another fireman below goes up the first ladder and ladders are passed from one to another until the top of the building is reached.

In many ways these ladders are more effective than the extension ladders for fighting fires in high buildings. The men can reach the high places with apparent ease and are never in each other's way.

Knot Making Important

The school curriculum includes lessons in raising ladders, handling hose, advantageous ways to fight various kinds of fires, saving lives, property, use of ropes for hauling up various implements, etc. While it may seem strange, one of the essential lessons taught by the drillmaster is the making of knots, which include the clove, hose, ladder, rolling and barrel hitch, round turn two half hitches, square knot, becket bend, bowline two ways, bowline to light and running bowline knots. All of these knots come in very handy at times. Some are used for the hauling up of hose, others for taking up axes, brooms, plaster hooks, etc., and others for the saving of lives.

With the bowline in light, which can be made in a few seconds by a man who has been instructed, a person overcome by smoke or suffering from burns can be lowered to a place of safety down the side of the building instead of taking him down a stairway or lowering him down a ladder which is a very hard task.

A fireman equipped with a rope with a loop on a reel around his belt can quickly adjust a bowline in light so that the unconscious person's legs can be passed through two loops at the bottom and then placed under the arms and the person is lowered to safety.

Use of Life Net

The use of the life net is also taught. Of course, it is a well known fact that there have been very few fires in which life nets have been used in this city, but each truck and the protective carry life nets. The periodical drill in the use of the life net, however, is a very good one for with the erection of high structures in the event of a fire breaking out there is always a chance for their use in saving lives.

Lieut. Murphy, who has made a careful study of firemen's drills, spent several weeks at Springfield several years ago and as a result of the knowledge he obtained the work of the members of the local department has been greatly

improved. Drills are held during the summer months, but the facilities for drilling are crude and the men do not receive the same instruction they would if they had a drill tower.

For instance, the members of Engines 3 and 4, Truck 3 and Hose 8 do their drilling at the storehouses of the Boot mills in French street. Engine 5, Hose 12 and Truck 4 at the West Sixth street firehouse. Truck 2, Engine 2 and 6 at a building in Payne street. Engine 1, Hose 9 and Truck 2 at the old Howard & Watson building in Tanner street. Truck 1 and Hose 7 and 11 at the Stirling mill; and Hose 10 at a building in Pawlucketville.

Lieut. Murphy, speaking of improved means for the fire department, also recommends the removing of all flush hydrants and the installing of post hydrants. There are many reasons for this. No matter how big the storm, it is easy to locate a post hydrant, but with the flush hydrant it is necessary to keep the tops shoveled off after snow storms and in the event of a heavy storm occurring during the night the firemen have much difficulty in locating a hydrant which is flush with the sidewalk.

Those who have followed the work of the fire departments of Springfield, Worcester, New Bedford, Holyoke and Hartford, Conn., realize that drill towers and drills have proved to be of great advantage.

COAT OF YELLOW PAINT FOR TEACHER ACCUSED OF DISLOYALTY

OTTUMWA, Ia., March 14.—Leon Battig, an instructor in the high school at Albion, suspected of disloyalty, was dragged to the courthouse steps Tuesday night and given a coat of yellow paint. He said war was against his religion and had refused to push the sale of thrift stamps. He was asked to resign and could not be found yesterday.

Before taking your train home from Boston get The Sun at either newsstand in the North station.

Lemons Do Whiten! Try This on Face, Neck, Arms, Hands

The lemon juice massage indulged in once or twice each day means a little time and trouble, girls, but what of the splendid results? A skin bleached beautifully white, a complexion with the bloom of a peach, a softening of those lines of care, in fact, a skin eloquent of nature's purity and hands white, soft and full of charm.

What girl or woman hasn't heard of lemon juice to remove complexion blemishes; to bleach the skin and to bring out the roses, the freshness and the hidden beauty? But lemon juice alone is acid, therefore irritating, and should be mixed with orchard white this way. Strain through a fine cloth the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing about three ounces of orchard white, then shake well and you have a whole quart of skin and complexion lotion at about the cost one usually pays for a small jar of ordinary cold cream. Be sure to strain the lemon juice so no pulp gets into the bottle, then this lotion will remain pure and fresh for months. When massaged daily into the face, neck, arms and hands it should naturally help to whiten, clear, smoothen and beautify the skin.

Any druggist will supply three ounces of orchard white at very little cost and the grocer has the lemons.

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SUITS, \$25

At this price—many surprising values. Some of the \$25 SUITS are Norfolks in Serge and Homespuns. Some are smart high-waisted Poplins, gathered around the hips. These come in copen, Pekin, tan, navy.

See the \$25 RIPPLE SUITS of Serge, the back lavishly trimmed with buttons. Navy, tan, black.

Many \$25 SUITS have the regular waist line, with belt. Navy and black Serge. Large sizes, up to 44.

Twenty-Five Dollars

SUITS, \$35

Among the best values under this price group are the \$35 EMBROIDERED SUITS—with fancy pointed side ripple; very full coat, the belt running into a dainty tab pocket effect; square fancy cut embroidered collar, fancy lining; men's wear Serge in gray, navy, chin-chilla, sand, black.

A smart \$35 SPORT JERSEY SUIT will be much admired. It is a Norfolk effect, plain, yet stunning, with a sport collar effect. Tan, heather and oxford.

A special Young Person's medium high waist \$35 SUIT has three ruffles, self color braid trimmed. Belts and bows of same material. White serge collar. Serge the fabric. Shades, copen, navy, tan, gray, chin-chilla.

Thirty-Five Dollars

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SUITS, \$29.75

See the charming \$29.75 GABARDINE RIPPLE SUIT. A high waist model trimmed with two rows of buttons on the back, the ripples and cut-in pockets bound with braid. Has a plain tailored collar. Rookie, navy, black.

A \$29.75 SUIT that must be mentioned is a regular waist-line model, with two ripples around the hips. It comes in Serge and is trimmed with many buttons. Fancy silk lining.

\$29.75 MIXTURES, models quite plain, will prove very attractive because of their style. Other mixtures in this class are pleated, belt and yoke effect. They are all sport suits through and through.

Twenty-Nine Seventy-Five

SUITS, \$39.75

One Plan Tailored SUIT in this price group is cut short in the coat back, falling lower to a graceful point at front. Sleeves are tight fitting. This \$39.75 SUIT is shown in Poirer Twill and Serge; peau de cygne lining; shades chin-chilla, gray, navy, black.

A wonderfully stylish \$42.75 SUIT has a fitted back with many seams. The coat a one-button effect, very full, with a braid bound belt across the back.

The mannish effect coat belonging to another fine \$39.75 WAISTCOAT SUIT is a decidedly distinctive model. The vestee is of pique; the skirt has pockets and a braid bound belt. Men's wear Serge.

Thirty-Nine Seventy-Five

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GERMAN PRESS UNEASY

Over Developments in Far East
—Germany Plays Entente Game by Breaking Up Russia

AMSTERDAM, March 12.—Some sections of the German press are becoming uneasy over developments in the far east.

The Frankfurter Zeitung considers that the breaking up of Russia into a number of independent states is a bad policy for Germany and urges that the greatest tact and prudence be used in dealing with the border states so that they will not "in the future sigh for a reunion with Russia and become so many thorns in Germany's side."

"Clearly," the entente policy is to use the Japanese alliance to shove Germany out of Asiatic markets forever. Germany played their game by breaking up Russia. Germany now has no more hope than ever of being able to conduct a far eastern policy except in conjunction with Great Britain and Russia. That is why a weak Russia will not contribute to Germany's ultimate welfare."

Capt. von Salzmann, the military critic of the Vossische Zeitung writes: "Germany too late began to realize that the time might come when the United States and Japan would see that war was not always the most profitable way of settling differences. Germany's Russian policy has played the game brilliantly for Great Britain and the United States. In the same way Germany has increased Holland's debt of gratitude to Great Britain."

"It should have been Germany's game to earn Holland's gratitude by guaranteeing her the safe possession of her East Indian colonies, but instead of this she cemented the Anglo-Japanese alliance and delivered the Dutch colonies from Japanese pressure south-

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HUNS FLEE

Continued

main in their trenches to fight the Americans but flee to the rear lines when they appear.

British Success in Xpres

British troops in the Xpres area Wednesday took the initiative and in a raid southeast of Polygon wood captured 37 prisoners and three machine guns and inflicted casualties on the enemy. The German artillery activity is intense on the Xpres sector and between Arras and Armentieres, where strong German raids earlier in the week were repulsed by British and Portuguese troops.

British Advance in Palestine

On the coastal sector of Palestine, north of Haifa, the British have advanced three miles on the 11-mile front. Six villages were taken and two streams crossed in the face of Turkish resistance. A slight advance also has been made on the Jerusalem-Nablus road in central Palestine.

Germans Hold Odessa

In the east the Germans now hold Odessa, the great Russian seaport on the Black sea which probably will be used either as the base for an invasion of India by way of Persia or as the terminal of grain shipments from Russia to the central empires. Turkey-German plans in the Caucasus, including the surrender by Russia of three Caucasian provinces which would provide a roadway to Persia and the Caspian sea, are opposed by the Caucasus government. Turkey has been informed that the Caucasus government does not recognize the treaty with the Bolsheviks and that it should treat with the Caucasus direct.

18 British Ships Sunk

British shipping losses for the last week total 18 vessels, the same number as was lost in the two previous weeks. There is an increase, however, in the number of large ships sunk. Fifteen of 1600 tons or over are reported this week.

Another German Raid

German airships again raided the east coast of England Wednesday night and a number of bombs were dropped on Hartlepool, killing five persons.

Germans Occupy Abo

PETROGRAD, March 13.—A strong German detachment is reported to have occupied Abo, on the coast of Finland, west of Helsinki. The Germans immediately began to march into the interior of Finland.

Successes for British

LONDON, March 14.—British raiders brought back prisoners from the German position near Ephe, southwest of Cambrai, last night. The official statement from the war office today also reports the repulse of a German raid in the Ypres sector. The statement reads: "Our raiding parties entered the enemy's trenches last night southeast of Ephe and brought back prisoners. A raid attempted by the enemy north of the Ypres-Staden railway was repulsed successfully."

"The artillery was active on both sides during the night southwest of Cambrai. The hostile artillery increased its activity in the Neuve Chapelle and Fauquissart sectors."

MASS NOTICE

An anniversary mass will be celebrated Friday morning, March 15th, at 8 o'clock at the Immaculate Conception church for the repose of the soul of the late James Gettings.

Fondly I loved him, he is dear to me still.

My sorrow is great, my loss hard to bear.

But angels, dear husband, will guard you with care.

FROM HIS WIFE AND FAMILY.

THIRD INCREASE

PAWTUCKET, R. I., March 14.—D. Goff & Sons, braid manufacturers, today posted notice of 10 per cent. increase to 1000 employees. This is the third increase within a year.

GERMANS HOLD ODESSA

Biggest Wheat Lands in the World Controlled by Kaiser—May Starve Out Great Nation

Odessa, fourth city of Russia and center of the world's greatest wheat region outside of America, has fallen into German hands, according to Berlin's announcement.

Thus is forged another great link in the chain which Germany is throwing around Russia. With no outlet for her products except through German channels, Russia is already at the Kaiser's mercy.

But German possession of a large part of Russia's wheat lands and control of the rest carries a still more deadly significance to the Russians. Not only will the Kaiser be able to feed his own vast domains from Russian grain fields, but he will be in a position to limit the Russians' food supply and use starvation as a weapon to coerce cities and large sections of the interior, where the population approaches 100,000,000.

Before Peace Congress

And the congress of workmen, private soldiers and peasants meets at Moscow today to decide on ratifying a peace treaty with the man who has stolen the key and contents of their granary.

By control of the Black sea, which Odessa seals, and of the Caspian, assured by Russia's promised surrender of the Caucasus, the Kaiser's highway into Asia's heart seems, for the moment at least, seriously reality.

The allies' military missions to Rumania are reported on their way to

Odessa, as the only avenue of escape. German troops are arresting Englishmen and Americans wherever caught in Russia. One American official party is finding difficulty in getting out of Finland.

FUNERAL NOTICES

HARRIGAN—The funeral of Mrs. Maria C. Harrigan will take place Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the home, 81 Marlborough street, solemn high mass of requiem at St. Margaret's church at 10 o'clock. Interment will be in St. Patrick's cemetery, in charge of Funeral Director James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

PATTERSON—The funeral of Charles J. Patterson will take place Saturday afternoon from his home, 248 Essex street, North Chelmsford, the hour to be announced later. Burial in the Lowell cemetery in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

ROARK—The funeral of Andrew F. Roark will take place Friday morning from his home, 248 Salem street, at 9 o'clock. High mass of requiem at St. Patrick's church at 9:45 o'clock. Interment will be in St. Patrick's cemetery, Undertaker Peter H. Savage, in charge of funeral arrangements.

WELCH—The funeral of William F. Welch will take place Friday morning at 8 o'clock from his home, 118 Adams street. A funeral mass will be sung at St. Patrick's church at 9 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

DEATHS

HARRIGAN—Mrs. George M. Harrigan, nee Maria Constance Sullivan, wife of the president of the Lowell Trust Co., died last evening at her home, 61 Marlborough street, after an illness of a couple of months' duration. Mrs. Harrigan was born in Lawrence 46 years ago and was a graduate of Notre Dame academy of that city. She taught school in Lawrence, and in July, 1895, was united in marriage to Mr. Harrigan. Mrs. Harrigan was deeply interested in church and charitable work and her field of labor included St. Margaret's church, St. Peter's orphanage, St. John's hospital, the Humane society, the Mid-

dlesex Women's club, the Unity club and Guild of the Infant Savior in Boston. Through her efforts many needy families of this city were given aid and in numerous instances she gave secretly, often requesting that her name be withheld. At the beginning of the war she took up a new field of work and was appointed chairman of the women's committee for the Liberty Loan campaign in Lowell, but, nevertheless, she continued helping the needy and her heart will be kept busy in a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Deceased was taken ill about seven weeks ago with a severe attack of the grip. Shortly afterward with her husband she left for Atlantic City in the interest of her health, but when New York was reached she was forced to turn back and after she returned to Lowell she was not able to leave her home, heart complications having developed. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband; two daughters, Elizabeth and Louise; a brother, Cornelius P. Sullivan; of Lawrence; two sisters, Miss Elizabeth Sullivan and Mrs. John J. Kelleher.

ROSA—Maria Rosa, aged 1 year, 2 months, died this morning at the home of her parents, John and Amelia Rosa, 205 Gorham st.

MCALISTER—The funeral of the late Daniel McAlister took place this morning at 8:30 o'clock from his late home, 82 Lawrence street, and was largely attended. The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Peter's church where at 9 o'clock a high mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Daniel Heffernan. There were many spiritual offerings. The bearers were Patrick Slavin, Hugh Nespin, Jeremiah Dooley, John Winters, Frank McGrath and Michael Slavin. Burial took place in St. Patrick's cemetery, where the final prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Heffernan. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

PATTERSON—Charles F. Patterson, a respected resident of North Chelmsford and until recent years identified with the business life of Lowell, located on Middle street for a long period in the printing business, died today at 53 years, 10 months, 12 days. He leaves a wife, Elizabeth J. Moore Patterson.

FUNERALS

SHEEHY—The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Sheehy of 20 Livermore street, took place this morning from the Immaculate Conception church, and was largely attended, friends being present from Revere, South Boston and other cities. Solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Owen McQuade, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. John O'Brien, O.M.I., as deacon, and Rev. C. P. Flynn, O.M.I., as sub deacon. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends of deceased who was identified with several of the religious societies of the Immaculate Conception parish, of which she had long been a devout member. She was a devoted worker for charity and an exemplar of the Christian virtues. She is survived by two sons, Thomas of Lowell, and John of Ireland; three daughters, Mrs. Patrick Kennedy, Mrs. Nellie Johnson, Mrs. Bridget Wilbur; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren, James and Edward Burns of Lowell; two nephews, Joseph and Edward, sons of Thomas Sheehy of this city. Mrs. Sheehy also leaves one brother, Thomas Lynch in Ireland. Among those who attended the funeral from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jacobs of Revere, and Thomas Lynch of Chelsea. The choir under the direction of Mrs. Hugh Walker, rendered the Gregorian chant, the solos being sustained by Mr. C. F. Sheehan and Miss Sadie Sheehan. There was an array of beautiful floral tributes and spiritual bouquets, showing the esteem in which deceased was held by her many friends. The bearers were: Messrs. Thomas Cavanaugh, Michael Cavanaugh, Thomas Sheehy, Timothy Kennedy, John Ash, George Childs, Robert Jacobs and Cornelius Desmond. The committal service at the grave in the Catholic cemetery was conducted by Rev. Fr. McQuade, O.M.I. The burial was in charge of James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

Chester Mitchell of Sanford, Me., recently sent the United States government a telescope which had been in his family since the French revolution. It was used by Mitchell's great-grandfather during the French revolution.

ANDREW F. ROARK WAS RALL PLAYER AND ALL-ROUND ATHLETE

The many friends and admirers of Andrew F. Roark, a well known all-around athlete and baseball player, will be grieved to learn of his death, which occurred last evening at his home, 248 Salem street, after a brief illness. Mr. Roark was at one time connected with the Emerald and Emmetts baseball teams and was considered one of the best players of the inter-city leagues which was being conducted in this city in the days of the Emmetts and Emeralds. Besides being a crack pitcher and outfielder, deceased was exceptionally clever in the hop, step and jump, his record being 36 feet. In athletic meets he was known to beat all comers and at times it was difficult to find anyone who cared to compete with him. He was popular not only among the members of the baseball teams with which he was connected, but also with fans and lovers of good, clean sport. Deceased is survived by three sisters, Misses Mary A. and Margaret V. Roark and Mrs. Nellie A. Doherty; a brother, Peter J. Roark, and a nephew, Lawrence A. Roark.

MEETING OF TREE WARDENS AND MOTHS SUPERINTENDENTS AT STATE HOUSE

John J. Gordon, local moth superintendent, will attend the seventh annual meeting of the Massachusetts Tree Wardens and Foresters association to be held at the state house tomorrow in conjunction with the annual meeting of moth superintendents. The meeting will open at 9:30 o'clock and the early part of the meeting will be devoted to the transaction of business from 10:45 to 1 o'clock the moth superintendents will meet with State Forester E. W. Rane as the presiding officer. In the course of the meeting papers will be read as follows: "State Conditions," F. W. Rane; "Administration," Supervisor C. E. Burbank; "The State Interests," Lieut. Gov. Calvin Coolidge; "Western Massachusetts," Sen. G. B. Churchill, Amherst; "Legislation," Rep. P. I. Adams, Stockbridge.

At 2 o'clock luncheon will be served and the post prandial exercises will include addresses as follows: "Gipsy Moth Extermination and Control," L. H. Worthing, Melrose, Mass.; "Wood Fuel in the Present Crisis," Sen. A. W. Colburn, Braintree; "Tree Problems in Harvard Yard," Prof. H. T. Fisher, Harvard university; "Food Production Program for 1918," John D. Willard, secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Food Administration. The president of the Massachusetts Tree Wardens and Foresters' association is John S. Ames.

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R. R. BILL FAVORED IN THE SENATE

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The senate last night adopted the conference report on the administration railroad control bill by a vote of 47 to 8, after it had rejected and the conferees had eliminated a provision limiting power of the states to tax the carriers while under federal control. The bill now goes to the house for final action, probably tomorrow.

Voting against the report were Senators Borah of Idaho, Cummins of Iowa, Gronna of North Dakota, Johnson of California, Kenyon of Iowa, Norris of Nebraska and Townsend of Michigan, republicans and Gore of Oklahoma, democrat.

Elimination of the tax provision resulted from initial use of the new senate rule prohibiting conferees from writing new matter into a bill. A point of order by Senator Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, republican, against the tax clause, was upheld yesterday by Vice-President Marshall and sustained by the senate, 51 to 23. The bill then was returned to conference, where the original tax section, providing that state taxes and railroad regulations shall not be interfered with so far as they are consistent with federal control, was reinstated.

Other paragraphs of the bill retained as the conferees adjusted them are those for compensating the railroads on the basis of their net income for the three years ending June 30, 1917, involving an estimated federal guarantee of about \$945,000,000 annually; limiting federal operation to 21 months after the war; authorizing the president to initiate rates, subject to approval by the interstate commerce commission; appropriating \$500,000,000 for a revolving fund for the director-general, and placing all "short lines" within the federal system.

NEW HAVEN ROUNDS UP GANG OF ALLEGED FREIGHT THIEVES

WESTFIELD, March 14.—John F. Mahoney of this town, a New Haven railroad special agent, has rounded up 11 men alleged to have been raiding freight cars on the Northampton division between Northampton and New York city. Nine men are held in the New Haven jail in default of \$10,000 bail each, and two in New York city in default of \$15,000 bail.

The latter pair are alleged to have

received stolen shipments of silk from Beldan Bros. of Northampton, sent to their New York office. The nine men held in New Haven were alleged to have rifled the contents of the freight cars at the Northampton station. It is alleged that this gang has stolen more than \$400,000 worth of silk in transit within a short period.

During the past three months the New Haven system has suffered losses of more than \$40,000 through the rifling of its freight cars. Reports of thefts of this nature have been made from all points of the system.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICE

A delegation coming all the way from Lynn, Mass., where Evangelists Perry and Brawner have just finished meeting, was the feature of last evening's revival service at the Advent Christian church near the state armory on Grand street. The chorus, in charge of Mr. Ernest D. Brawner, of Nebraska, the talented singer, is doing splendid work, and an improvement is noticed every night. Rev. Albert L. Townsend, pastor of the 11th Street Baptist church of Lynn, was among those present.

The meeting opened with a rousing service of song after which Pastor Shurtliff of the local church offered prayer. There was also an enthusiastic testimony service. Following the notices and another song by the chorus, Rev. Mr. Townsend of Lynn, read the scripture, following which he spoke brief words of cheer and encouragement, telling of the success of the Perry-Brawner meetings in Lynn, and saying—"If you people will only do your part this meeting will be a big success, for you may be sure Perry and Brawner will do theirs." Mr. Brawner then sang a solo, "I Walk With the King."

The evangelist took his text last evening from the words of the Apostle Paul, "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord." He pictured with eloquent pathos the sacrifices entailed when the great apostle turned his back upon the old life, old friends and the old faith, and became the poor and despised follower of Jesus of Nazareth. He showed how the knowledge of Christ was the deciding factor of Paul's wonderful life. "Paul," said the evangelist, "knew Jesus in an intimate way, as a friend, a brother, a helper, a comrade, and it is to that sort of knowledge that I urge you tonight, not the vacillating, thoughtless admiration of the multitude, but the very sincerest of friendships. Make friends with Jesus, leave Him, seek to understand, to know the love of Christ, which surpasseth knowledge." He urged his hearers to leave the fringe of the admiring crowd and

enter the circle of those close to the Lord.

When he finished Mr. Brawner read the solo, "Are You In the Inner Circle?" Mr. Brawner promised a musical treat this evening when the evangelist takes as his subject, "The Quest of Happiness."

WILLIAM DEVINE AND HAGOP KLUDJIAN TAKE SPECIAL COURSES

William A. Devine, of 14 Newhall street, formerly employed by the Marion Studio and more recently by the United States Cartridge Co., has gone to the Aero Photographer's school at Rochester, N. Y., where he will take a special course in photography.

Mr. Devine was a registrant of division three exemption board of this city and recently a special call for volunteers to take up this work was issued. Mr. Devine volunteered and his wide knowledge of the photography game helped in a great degree to his eventually being appointed.

Another registrant in division three has also volunteered for this special work. He is Hagop Kludjian, 209 Summer street. He will leave for Rochester tomorrow.

WOULD INCREASE THE SALARIES OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Efforts to add an amendment to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill providing for an increase of salaries of government employees, pending passage of the measure yesterday in the house. The amendment would increase by \$10 a month the salaries of all employees receiving between \$480 and \$2000, exclusive of those in the postal or Panama canal service or who give only a part of their time to the government. An increase for postal employees is provided in another bill.

OFFERS HOME FOR HOSPITAL

BOSTON, March 14.—Announcement that Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, prominent Massachusetts suffragist, had turned over to the Boston Equal Suffrage association some of her parents in Dorchester to be equipped as a hospital for invalid American soldiers, was made at the annual meeting of the association here last night.

The hospital will be known as the Lucy Stone Convalescent hospital and will be under the supervision of a board of five, of which Brig.-Gen. John A. Johnston, head of the Northeastern department, will be a member. Accommodations for 50 patients will be provided.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEMBERS OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH ATTEND FUNERAL

The following members of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's church attended in a body the funeral of Mrs. Ellen Curtin, mother of Rev. J. A. Curtin of St. Patrick's church, which took place this morning in Cambridge: Timothy Rohan, president; William Pennington, vice president; John McDermott, James O'Sullivan, John J. Sullivan and Jeremiah Ryan. Rev. Joseph A. Curtin is spiritual director of the Holy Name society.

DANCING PARTY FOR BOYS OF CO. K AT CAMP DEVENS

Mrs. Frederick A. Lamoureux and Mrs. John J. Rogan, two prominent members of the K. of C. guild have made arrangements for a dancing party for the boys of Company K at Camp Devens and the affair will be conducted Saturday evening. The two women have organized a party of 60 women, who will journey to the camp by special electric Saturday afternoon.

In the afternoon the Lowell people will be the guests of the soldiers at luncheon and prior to the dancing party they will entertain the boys in khaki with instrumental and vocal selections.

TIBETANS HAVE REBELLED MARCH INTO SZECHUAN

PEKING, March 11.—Taking advantage of disorder in the province of Szechuan, the Tibetans have rebelled and are marching into Szechuan where they have captured several towns. The force is estimated at 10,000 and is armed with modern rifles.

Tibet is controlled virtually by the natives, who have branched off the Mongol race. The Chinese government looking after foreign relations and maintaining small garrisons of Chinese troops. There is a recent appointment by the Chinese government, selected from the Lamas or religious leaders.

In 1913 Tibet demanded complete autonomy and in October of that year was successful in fighting against the Chinese. A conference at Simla, India, in July, 1914, failed to agree on a convention representing China, Great Britain and Tibet and assuring the autonomy of Tibet. In January, 1917, Great Britain presented ten demands on China affecting Tibet, but these have not yet been agreed to.

The province of Szechuan has been overrun recently by bandits, against whom the Chinese troops have been able to make little headway.

GERMAN AIR RAID ON HARTLEPOOL

LONDON, March 14.—In last night's air raid one aircraft crossed the coast and dropped four bombs on Hartlepool. Six dwelling houses were demolished there and 30 were damaged. Five persons were killed and nine injured.

Hartlepool is a North sea port of 65,000 inhabitants in northern England.

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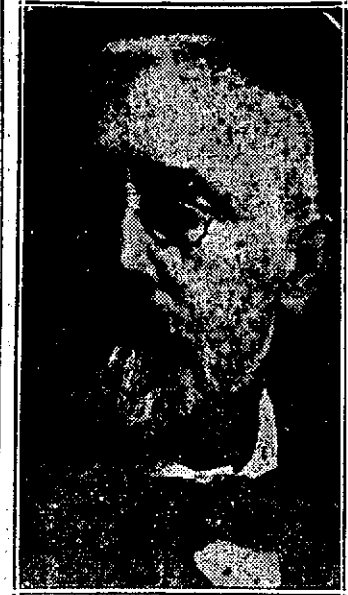
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DILLON AWAITS RESULT OF IRISH CONVENTION

DUBLIN, March 14.—John Dillon, who succeeded John Redmond as leader of the Irish nationalists, said to the Associated Press yesterday that he did not think any statement of the Irish party



JOHN DILLON

policy could usefully be made until the result of the convention was made known. This, he trusted and believed, would be within a very few days.

Aids Freedom for Ireland

BOSTON, March 14.—The legislative committee on federal relations reported unanimously to the house of representatives yesterday in favor of a resolution calling upon congress to take steps to secure the freedom of Ireland, being considered at the peace table. The resolve was introduced by Rep. John L. Donovan, democratic leader in the house of representatives.

In the morning before the committee yesterday hearing Rep. Donovan and Judge James Fallon of Pittsfield and others spoke in favor of the resolution. It provides that the legislature request congress to pass measures to insure that the right of Ireland to be free and independent shall be considered at any peace conference which may be held at the conclusion of the European war.

Noted Orator to Talk

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Congressman Peter Tagore has secured the promise of Scott Ferris, one of the most eloquent democratic members of the present congress, to journey to Boston to answer to the toast "The United States of America" at the 181st anniversary of the Charitable Irish society to be held at the Hotel Somerset next Saturday evening.

Congressman Ferris represents the 22d district of Oklahoma, from which district he has been returned to congress for three consecutive terms, being re-elected during his last campaign by the largest plurality ever accorded a member of the house from that state.

PERSONNEL OF HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED AFTER CLASS MEETING

At a meeting of the graduating class of the high school held this afternoon after school in high school hall, President Paul J. Angelo announced the personnel of the various class committees as follows:

Social committee: Paul J. Angelo, chairman; Albert L. Bourgeois, Charles Keyes, Clarence Garvey, Walter Connors, John McGlew, Paul Foley, James Keith, Richard Mahoney, Herbert Harris, Madeline O'Day, Muriel Leach, Christina Mulcahy, Ruth Handley, Mildred Holmes, Bernice Moody, Gertrude Clark, Regina Lowney, Bessie Woodworth.

Pin and Ring committee: Maurice Condry, chairman; John Quinn, Miles Dalison, Ian McKay, Walter Klerke, Benjamin Harrison, John O'Brien, Paul Sullivan, Lillian Abbot, Richard O'Shea, Elsie Johnson, Florence Tomberg, Alice Connolly, Mary Latour, Mildred McNabb, Agnes Joyce, Mary McGuire, Doris Howard, Doris Senior.

Class Gift committee: Harold Reeder, chairman; Donald Mellon, George Keefe, Francis McHugh, Maurice Hamel, Arnold Howard, Charles Clements, Maurice Barlosky, Seth Hall, Mildred Holmes, Laura McIntire, Bertha Braverman, Doris Donovan, Jenny Catherwood, Annabelle Gordon, Mildred Tighe, Gladys McCoughrey, Agnes Donahue, Madeline Doran, Katharine Woodworth.

Motto committee: Allan K. McOsker, chairman; Lester H. Bailey, Donald Willard, Dexter Shaw, Walter Markham, Albert Frawley, Raymond O'Brien, R. W. Rouse, Bridie M. Sheridan, Mary Kelly, Mildred McGowan, Adith Lee, Elizabeth Kennedy, Belle Thomas, Bessie Hale, Helen Foxy, Lillian Moran, Ruth Leavitt, Josephine Malone.

Color committee: William Barrett, chairman; Edward Brigham, Gordon Forsberg, Harold Collins, Raymond Levalle, Donald McLean, Albert Porter, Walter Sturtevant, Raymond Hobson, Hutchins Bennett, Margaret Wilcox, Dorothy Delaney, Lucille Russell, Lillian Moran, Catherine Fay, Irene Donnelly, Ethel Scott, Margaret Perley, Mary Leachey.

NEW DEAL FOR DUTCH BY ALLIES

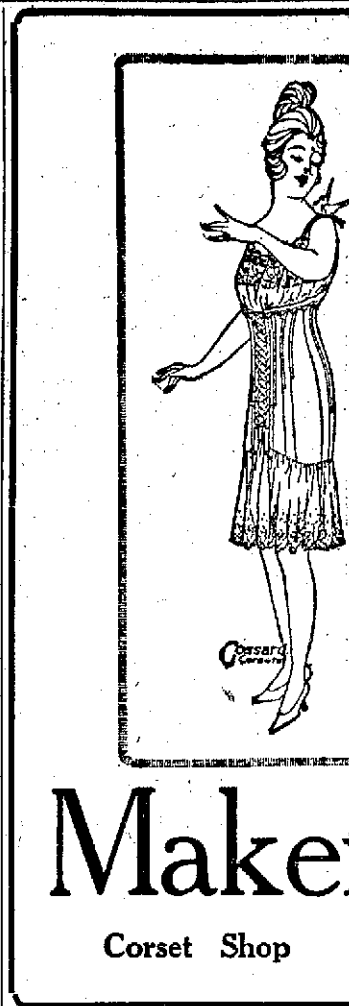
THE HAGUE, March 14.—The foreign minister, Dr. J. Loeven, presented to the states general yesterday a note explaining the position of the negotiations with the allies for an economic arrangement.

Allies Change Terms

The minister said that since the note was drafted he had received information of the allied government's desire to withdraw their promise to accept the Dutch condition that vessels sailing in the interest of the allied governments should not be employed in the danger zone.

The note states that America has agreed to furnish 100,000 tons of wheat to Holland before the conclusion of a definite arrangement on condition that Holland immediately places at the disposal of the allies half a million tons of shipping, as if a definite arrangement already existed.

The Dutch government is inquiring as to whether it is possible to enter into such a transaction, and hopes speedily to arrive at a decision.



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GERMAN PLOT TO SEIZE CANADA

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—Alleged plans of the German government to wrest Canada from England and the supposed escape of a group of German prisoners of war from Russia to Germany by way of the United States, were touched on here yesterday in the trial of 31 Hindus and other persons charged with conspiracy to overthrow British rule in India.

One of the defendants, Walter Sauerback, navigating officer of the German gunboat Geler, interned at Honolulu, denied any knowledge of the alleged move against Canada, and denied that he had assisted the German consulate here in any such plans. Frank Bopp, former German consul general here, and one of the defendants in the present trial, is under a two-year sentence for violation of American neutrality.

Testimony concerning the supposed escape of German prisoners, Sauerback said big groups of prisoners broke from their detention camps in Russia and returned to Germany by way of San Francisco and New York. To one of these escaped prisoners, he said, he entrusted a diary that he had kept on the Geler and which Captain Boy-Ed, naval attaché at the German embassy at Washington, had ordered forwarded to the archives of the Berlin government.

Sauerback denied any knowledge of a diary supposed to have been kept by Captain Grasshof, commander of the Geler. This diary, which is now said to be in the possession of the United States, is alleged to have revealed information that the Geler's wireless was used to carry messages for the German government after it was ordered dismantled by Washington.

THREE KILLED BY BURSTING SHELL

WASHINGTON, March 14.—A shell explosion on the U.S.S. Von Steuben, which killed three men, was announced late yesterday by the navy department. The shell exploded while being fired. The dead are:

EMMETT JOSEPH SHIELDS, seaman, Hannibal, Mo.
VALENTINE BRVIBYLSKI, fireman, Buffalo, N. Y.

ERBELL WILLIAM MARTIN, mess attendant, Philadelphia.
The date of the explosion was not given, nor were there any details in the department's statement further than that the men were killed by fragments of a shell which burst while being fired.

It was learned, however, that the explosion occurred while the armed guard of the ship was at target practice.

The Von Steuben, an army transport, formerly was the famous German raider Kronprinz Wilhelm, which was interned at Hampton Roads when she sought safety there after preying upon allied commerce.

RUMANIAN OIL FIELDS WILL BE CEDED, TERRITORIALY, TO HUNGARY

AMSTERDAM, March 13.—The Deutsch Tages Zeitung of Berlin prints a Vienna despatch to the effect that the Rumanian oil fields will

be ceded territorially to Hungary. They will be administered under a joint German-Austro-Hungarian, Rumanian and Bulgarian control board. The oil production will be divided in proportions to be settled later.

COUNTESS LILI RABEN-LEVETZAU, MARRIED NEW YORK MAN

COPENHAGEN, March 12.—Countess Lili Raben-Levetzau, daughter of the former Danish Minister of foreign affairs was married today to Lithgow Osborne of New York, secretary of the American legation here. The bride's mother was Miss Moulton of Boston. The marriage was celebrated at Castle Alaholm, the estate of Count Raben-Levetzau and was attended by 100 hundred American and Danish guests. Cleveland Perkins of Washington was best man.

The king and the queen of Denmark sent a large porcelain lamp and a telegram of congratulation. Dowager Queen Louise and Prince Valdemar

U.S. SOLDIERS INJURED IN PARIS RAID

PARIS, March 12.—A sergeant in the quartermaster's department of the American army who was acting as a chauffeur for the department in Paris was injured slightly in last night's raid.

In a certain hospital in the Paris district six persons were killed and seven injured by bombs dropped by the German airmen.

Just to keep his family together Charles F. Doran of Milan, Tenn., took his two sons, Charles Jr. and Donald, to Columbus, S. C., where all three enlisted in the 317th Field Artillery to join another son, William.

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RECALLS GEN. BEN BUTLER'S POLICY

Gen. Johnson Discusses U. S. Attitude Toward the Russian Situation

Those Opposed to Intervention by Japan Took Pro-German Stand on Other Issues

BOSTON, March 14.—"It is significant that all the forces in this country opposed to sending Japanese troops into Russia are those that took a pro-German or anti-British stand on other issues," Mr. Gen. Johnson, commander of the department of the northeast, said today in a statement on the American attitude toward the Russian situation. "Of course," he continued, "there are other considerations to be taken into account, but that these forces are opposed to it is a good reason in my mind why we should be in favor of it. Ben Butler, when conducting negotiations with the British used to say: 'If they want it, we don't want it. If they don't want it, we do.'"

"It is a delicate situation, Russia is our friend and if the allies go into Russia we should make it clear that it is not to fight Germany there, but to protect our property and our friends. Lieut. Col. William V. Judson, who has just returned from Russia, told me that he had talked with many of the more intelligent Russians of all parties, and that without exception they feared Japanese intervention because of the possibility it might crystallize public opinion in favor of the Germans."

RELIEF OF FIREMEN AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

BOSTON, March 14.—Representative Dennis A. Murphy of Lowell has succeeded in convincing a conference committee representing the senate that the upper branch should recede from the position it had taken on the bill providing for the relief of firemen and their dependents. The house passed a bill providing that the sum of \$15,000 may be spent each year for the purpose, and the senate changed the word "may" to "shall," thus compelling the commission in charge of the matter to expend that amount whether there was need for it or not. The matter was finally sent to a conference committee, on which Representative Murphy was one of the members from the house, and its report that the senate should recede has been accepted by both branches.

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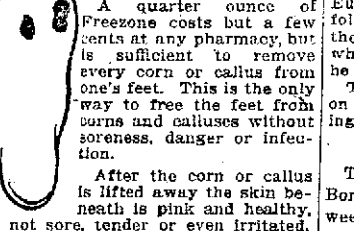
At a meeting of the public school teachers held in the high school hall late yesterday afternoon Supt. Hugh J. Molloy delivered a brief address in the course of which he proposed that a capable and active committee be appointed for research and enlightenment to take up the study of the school situation and place their findings before the people of Lowell in such a manner that they will be sure to read them. The superintendent's address was a result of the recent convention of school superintendents held at Atlantic City. His address was in part as follows:

After long and careful consideration of the subject, I have come to the conclusion that we owe it to ourselves as teachers, that we owe it to men and women of Lowell who are for the most part really interested in all that makes for the high character and reputation of the city and the welfare of its children, who are its dearest possession, to enter upon and carry through with our best intelligence and persistency a study of school expenditures, school opportunities, and school needs in the nation, the state, and the city, to the end that the true situation may be set clearly in the minds of those whom we are employed to serve.

The war which now convulses the world has brought home to the minds of men in a most emphatic manner the debt which democracy in America owes to the great system of free public schools, and the great problems and frightful peril of the war have convinced thinking men all over the world that even greater demands must be made upon these schools in the future. It is a time for enlarging the

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scope and activities and deepening the influence of the schools rather than for curtailing their activities and economizing in their management. A study of the attitude of the people in France, the British Isles, and Dominion of Canada will convince one of the truth of the foregoing statement.

There is a quite general belief, which the facts do not warrant, that the expenditures for our schools have increased beyond all reason and out of proportion to expenditures for other public purposes; as a matter of fact, this rich, intelligent and historic state of Massachusetts has been outstripped by many other states in expenditures for schools.

Therefore I now propose to you teachers that you organize a capable, active committee on research and enlightenment who will take up the study of the school situation in all its aspects and place their findings before the people in such a manner that they will be sure to read them.

This work should be on a very real and broad plane and must not be treated or regarded as a salary drive; it is my belief that when the people know the facts they will do the just and fair thing by those who serve them, and it is our plain duty to furnish them the facts.

I have very clearly defined ideas as to what the work of such a committee should be and I should be pleased to confer with the committee and assist in outlining its work.

Not many years ago the late George H. Martin, who was for some years secretary of the state board of education and who was also one of the most accomplished school men whom the state has produced, presented statistics which showed that during a period of 50 years the expenditures in Massachusetts for schools, not including Boston, for streets, fire, police, water and charity departments (making no accounting whatever of the rapidly increasing cost of prisons, asylums and pauper institutions) had increased out of all proportion to the increased expenditures for education. Let us see what we may find to be true at the present time.

MYSTERY STILL UNSOLVED

The mystery surrounding the finding of the body of a man in a gravel pit in North Billerica on February 18th still remains unsolved. The state police and officers of Billerica put in considerable work in trying to ascertain whether the man committed suicide or was murdered and finally reached the conclusion that it was murder.

Cues led to Lawrence and other cities and it is understood that Officers Eustace and Smith of the state police followed up several clues which caused them to suspect a certain man, but when they went to look for the man he had disappeared.

The state officers are still working on the case, but in their efforts are being directed far away from Billerica.

MILLINERY OPENING

The spring millinery opening at the Bon Marche has the right line this week, as it is the occasion of their grand millinery display, an attraction never missed by Lowell folk. The windows are more beautiful this year in appearance than ever before. They are arranged so as to particularly display imported Parisian successes in the millinery art. To attempt a detailed description of the windows would be futile. They must be seen to be appreciated and those interested in millinery attractions ought not to miss the artistic treat. The entire store with its Easter display is in keeping with the windows. Mr. Lemieux is recognized as a beautiful window display and should be commended on his splendid success as a decorator. See and read the advertisement in today's Sun.

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LOWELL GIRL NAMED AS IDEAL FIGHTING WEATHER

SECOND LIEUTENANT

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, March 14.—Governor McCall has approved the selection of Mary L. Riordan of 27 Woodward avenue, Lowell, as one of the nurses who is to receive a commission as second lieutenant in the Massachusetts State Guard, and who as a result of their selection will be liable to be called for duty "in case of a disaster causing serious injuries to large numbers of people." The selections were made by a committee of nurses, acting under the supervision of Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer, chairman of the woman's committee of the Council of National De-



MISS MARY L. RIORDAN

tense, Maj. Gen. Butler Ames and Surgeon General William H. Brooks of the State Guard. Commenting on his approval of the 35 nurses selected, Governor McCall said last night:

"These nurses, having applied in consequence of the newspaper items, and having met the requirements of the committee, representative of their profession, have been selected from parts of the state, and are believed to be excellently qualified to discharge the duties of the office to which they are named. The making of these appointments is a direct outcome of the establishment of the Emergency Commission only by called upon and put forward service in case of a disaster causing serious injuries to large numbers of people. Since such a disaster cannot be foreseen, obviously the nurses for such a possible emergency should be selected in advance. The requirements as prescribed by the nurses' committee included the provision that each applicant must be a bona fide citizen of this country; that the applicant must not be over 50 years of age; have at least a common school education; be registered by Massachusetts or some other state; have received training not born in Massachusetts; have graduated from a school for nurses which prescribes at least two years' instruction; and including adequate experience in the science and art of nursing. In addition to these requirements it was thought best by the committee to follow the well established rule of the Red Cross and exclude married women from consideration for this work."

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IDEAL FIGHTING WEATHER

British and German Armies Wait Signal for Big Battle in West

Thunderous Artillery Duels—British Destroy 39 Airplanes—Down 40 Others

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, March 14.—(By the Associated Press).—This has been another day of ideal fighting weather but there has been no change in the situation. The British and German military machines—tuned up to the finest pitch and probably as nearly perfect as it is possible to make them—are still awaiting the signal which will send them crashing against each other.

Thunderous Duels

Meanwhile the artillery pounds away in thunderous duels at various points and myriad armies are busy bombing, photographing and acting as eyes for the respective armies.

British airmen have been doing marvellous work recently. The first day of March as a whole has been among the best yet recorded for the service. During that period, in addition to a vast amount of reconnoitering and photographing, the intrepid Britishers destroyed 39 German airplanes and brought down 40 others out of control, despite the fact that the first two or three days of the month were so stormy that aerial activity was virtually impossible. Against this great total, 15 British machines are reported missing.

Yesterday another fine record was made but the official figures are not yet available.

Air Battles Behind German Lines

There have been many air battles and virtually all have occurred behind the German lines which means that the British airmen have been carrying the aerial war vigorously into the enemy territory. Of the German machines destroyed, all but two were sent crashing down back of the German lines. The amount of photographic work that has been done is amazing and a large number of the pictures were taken at close quarters.

Bombing raids by British aviators have been almost continuous. One of the most successful expeditions was that carried out against three enemy airdromes on March 8, during the day time. A British aerial fleet arrived at an hour when numbers of German machines about to start were standing in a field near their hangars. The British attack was made at a height of 400 feet and because of their low altitude, were able to shoot with disastrous effect. Several buildings were set on fire, and direct hits were observed among the German machines.

British Aviators Successful

The British returned, flying at a height of a hundred feet, which just enabled them to clear the tree tops. They used their guns on every military object in sight. The first attack was made on a horse transport. Some of the horses were killed and the rest stampeded, upsetting the wagons. Another horse transport was surrounded and then a detachment of marching infantry came into range. Several of the soldiers were shot before they could reach cover. Equally effective was the shooting against some cavalry, two officers being among those toppled from their saddles.

All the British machines returned safely. As a matter of fact, they were not attacked by the enemy at all.

TRANSPORT OFFICER PLACED ON TRIAL ON CHARGE OF ESPIONAGE

BALTIMORE, Md., March 13.—Edward Otis, 23 years old, a former quartermaster on an American transport, was yesterday placed on trial before Judge John C. Rose and a jury in the federal district court here, charged with espionage. Otis, who claims to be a native of Riga, Russia, is accused of having tampered with the navigating instruments of the transport while the ship was in the war danger zone.

WOMAN CALLS ON SILENT STRANGER IN LEWISTON JAIL

LEWISTON, Me., March 14.—A mysterious woman yesterday made her appearance at the Androscoggin county jail and sought recognition for a conference with the silent stranger now awaiting trial on three charges of violating the election laws and serving a 90-day sentence for contempt.

Sheriff Stevens refused to grant the requested privilege, and the woman went away without making known her identity, but it was learned she came here from Lisbon Falls.

Chief Field of the Lewiston police is still hard at work on the case under the direction of the commissioners, Dr. A. W. Anthony, Ralph W. Crockett and F. N. Marquette. None of the three admits theorizing on the identity of the stranger, or the real purpose of his visit here.

All officials are showing an unusual reluctance to discuss any phase of the case. Reporters are not allowed to see

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MUTINY ON SHIP AT NORFOLK

Investigation of Outbreak of Crew of Russian Steamer Under Way

Rioting Follows Demands That Bolshevik Doctrine Be Put Into Effect

NORFOLK, Va., March 14.—An investigation of the outbreak of the crew of the Russian steamer Onsk was set in motion here today by Collector of Customs Hamilton while the vessel, rescued from the unruly sailors, lay at anchor under guard of the collector's detachment.

The crew, after a day and night of rioting resulting from their demands that Bolshevik doctrine be put into effect on the Onsk was taken to a police station last night charged with mutinous conduct. The dispute between immigration officials and the collector's detachment, during which the former refused to arrest the members of the crew after they had armed themselves and returned to the ship will be investigated.

The Onsk, bound for England with cotton from Galveston put into Norfolk several days ago and yesterday Capt. Edmund Yanovsky reported to port officials that the crew wanted Soviet rule aboard ship, demanded higher wages and threatened to take the cargo to Russia instead of to England.

Armed Guard Driven Off

The crew of 54 men already had driven off an armed port guard when they were arrested and brought ashore. Later all except three ringleaders were released under parole, pending their return to Russia. Last night 49 of them armed themselves and returned to the ship. Collector Hamilton sent special deputies aboard the Onsk to confiscate a large assortment of firearms and knives and asked immigration officials to re-arrest the men. This was refused. The collector then had a warrant sworn out and the men were taken to jail.

Charges Against Men

The charges against the men, as set forth by Victor E. Gartz, attorney for the Russian consul general at New York are:

"That they did unlawfully act in a mutinous manner, threatening officers and refusing to obey their orders, arm themselves with firearms and other dangerous weapons and engage in other riotous conduct on board the steamship Onsk, thus violating Bolshevik control principles as aboard the steamship Onsk thereby endangering the safety of the harbor and city property."

Record Cargo Of Cotton

GALVESTON, Tex., March 14.—The Russian steamship Onsk, of 4747 tons net register, left Galveston for Liverpool via Norfolk December 18, with the biggest cargo of cotton ever loaded at this port. The vessel arrived here November 10, and the crew received its first information regarding the success of the Bolshevik overthrow of the Kerensky government.

GERMAN PLOTTERS BUSY IN TEXAS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 14.—The circulation of false reports among farmers by German propagandists threatens to curtail the planting of castor beans, useful in the production of suitable lubricant for airplane motors.

The San Antonio chamber of commerce, which contracted to assemble 5000 acres of land and deliver 200,000 bushels of castor beans at the agreed price of \$250 a bushel, announced yesterday that the farmers have been informed the castor bean grows on a vine which saps the strength of the soil.

An investigation will be made as to the source of the report.

THIRTEEN MONTENEGRINS FOUND NOT GUILTY OF OBSTRUCTING ENLISTMENTS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 14.—Thirteen Montenegrins on trial in the United States district court here on a charge of conspiring to obstruct the United States in its military preparation was discharged yesterday afternoon when Judge A. E. Anderson directed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty.

The court held the government failed to prove the defendants obstructed enlistments.

BOLO PASHA MUST DIE

PARIS, March 13.—The appeal of Bolo Pasha from the sentence of death imposed by court martial for treason was rejected today by the court of revision which confirmed the original judgment. The same action was taken by the court in the case of Darius Porcher, who was tried with Bolo and sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

POLICE COURT

This morning's session of the police court was a comparatively short one and the cases were soon disposed of.

Georgianna Murphy, who was before the court yesterday morning, appeared this morning and was given a suspended sentence to the state farm. Edward Martel charged with drunkenness was ordered to pay a fine of \$15 and Jeannette Gilchrist was sentenced to two months' jail. Three first offenders were released by the probation officer before the opening of court.

WILL OF GEORGE VON L. MEYER FILED

SALEM, March 14.—Under the will of George von L. Meyer, formerly secretary of the navy, which was filed for probate here today the entire estate with the exception of public bequests amounting to \$15,000 is left to his family. There was no intimation as to the value of the estate.

Mr. Meyer gave \$2500 each to four Boston institutions.

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